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PREFACE

In presenting this brief record of OUR ANCESTORS to the line. do so because of my intense interest in seeing family records preserved for posterity.

I have spent several years at this searching. and really have been continuous at it. The expense has been heavy, and the real office work immense. But there has been a satisfaction to me as I gradually uncovered the past records of our ancestors.

There has not in all this search, been a single point in their lives that I was ashamed of, not in the least, while on the other hand, I have become better acquainted with them, and now have a greater respect for every one of them.

It has been said that "We are the heirs of the ages," and we surely ought to be proud of every one of our ancestors, for what they have bequeathed to us, in their sincere upright lives.

They were all pioneers of the highest type, and I have been appalled all the way along, to observe what they have suffered, that we may enjoy what we do today.

In most all of the lines we have those who were soldiers or were in some way conneced with the Revolutionary War. for American independence. This is a great honor bequeathed to us.

Several lines have been proven up. thus enabling the descendents to join either the Daughters or the Sons of the American Revolution.

I am sorry to say that on account of the heavy expense, I am unable to have published a full and complete history of the family. though I have an immense amount of material that is very interesting. and knowing that there are many chances to lose what we have, therefore I am presenting this brief record.

I know that even this will in time to come, be even priceless to the yet unborn generations. for as the years pass it becomes harder to collect the away back records.

Please let me drop a word here to the heads of families, that is, to talk with your children about your ancestors. and even record in the family Bible such facts as you possess. and thus hand down records that in later years when you are gone, it will be impossible to secure.

To my shame. in my own lifetime. around forty years ago I could have secured from the lips of the living. what I have searched for and spent money to have genealogists hunt for, and yet only a trivial bit was secured.

So every one who receives this copy, I am asking you earnestly to treasure it sacredly. and see that it is kept in as fire proof place as possible.

Note that there is left in the rear several blank pages, that you may add additional records, and make corrections. which always occur.

I want to thank those who have helped in collecting what we here present and am very sorry that so may who ought to have been interested, were very careless and ignored our repeated requests for help in collecting the family record.

I have been very much pained at the suggestion of many to whom I have asked their cooperation. that I am doing this for either some hidden estate, or to make money out of sales of a book.

It is common knowledge that there never was a cent made out of a small family record. because of the limited number published, and such a few wh could afford to buy them at a cost of $5.00 to $10.00 each.

We again say we are glad to present this as our contribution, and trust tha it will be received as such and treasured. Again we bid you all a good-bye.

Respectfully.

Tapeka, Kansas, 1929. HOMER EILER.

DEDICATION

This family record is lovingly dedicated to my parents, Lewis Eiler my father and Julia Ann (Sharrock) Eiler my mother.

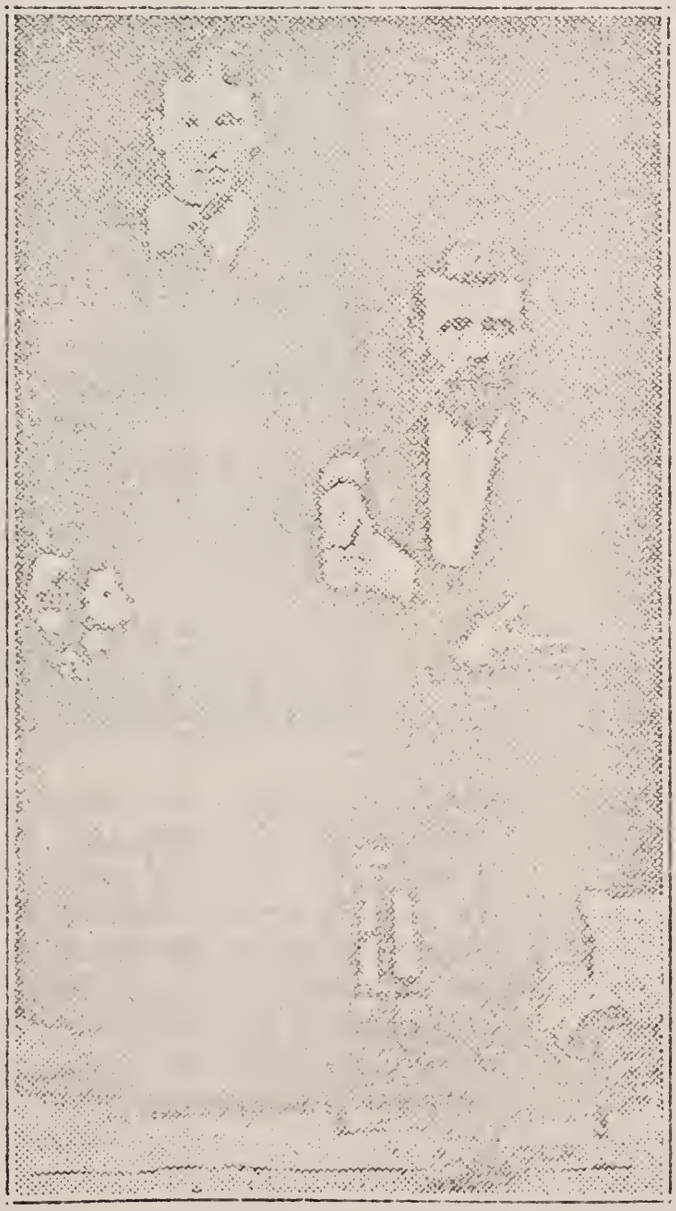
I now in my maturer years look back to my early childhood and remember how patiently and diligently they labored for my future welfare, both intellectually and spiritually.

It was especially my mother from whom I feel that I inherited this desire to preserve the family record, for it was she who was always interested and constantly talking about our ancestral reationship.

Let others take this gentle reminder and do likewise.

Respectfully dedicated,

HOME REILER, Topeka, Kansas, 1929



The above picture of my parents, is copied from an old tintype. From all appearances and traditions, it is presumed to have been taken soon after they were married on Feb. 10, 1867

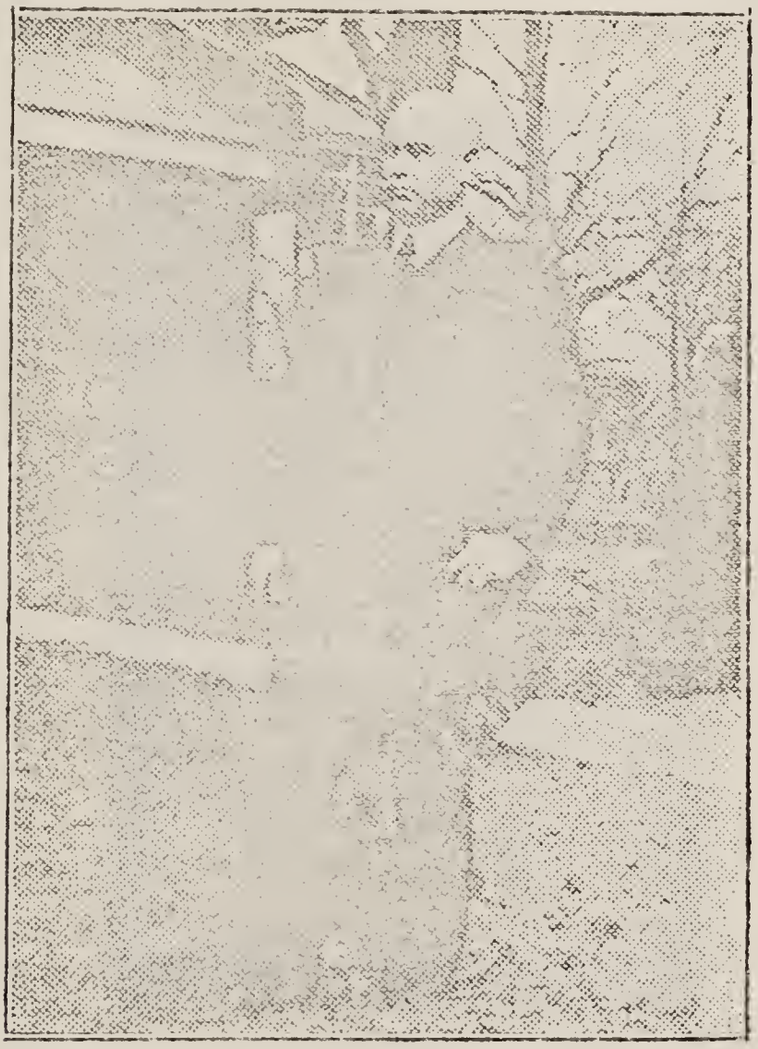
Note the holding of hands as was generally the custom for newly-weds, in first pictures.

For one I am proud of this likeness, for it spells to me the pure simple life. No frills or array of finery, but common clothes sheltered innocent heart, and an ambition to be honorable and live a life of usefulness.

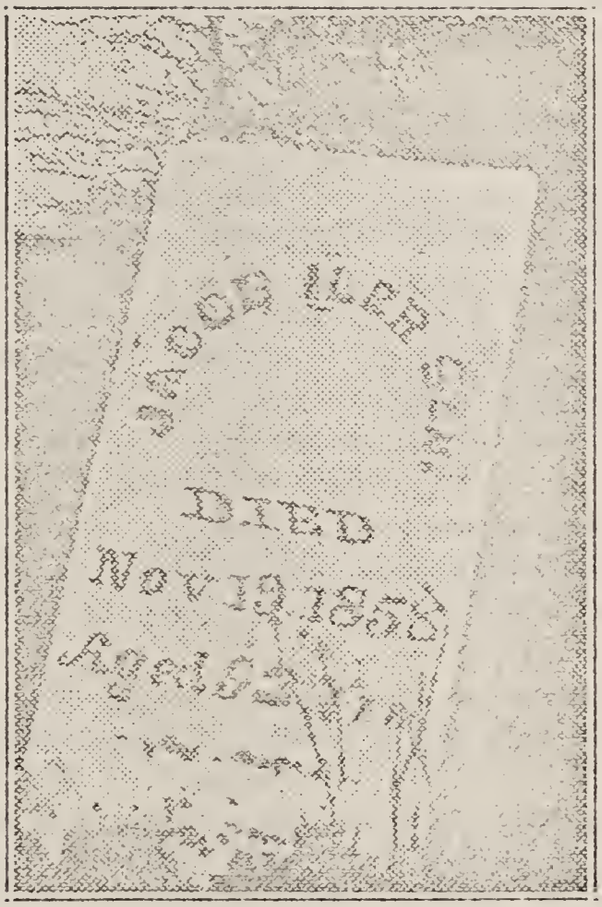
Raised together in the same community since childhood, attending the same district school, and church and Sunday School, they undoubtedly mated their young lives in early childhood., and in maturity plighted their love for life.

Theirs was a hard task in life, because of the weakened constitution that developed early in the married life of mother, caused by the hard outdoor task during the Civil War, and which eventually caused her early death in 1889. Father died in 1913.

Peace to their blessed memory.



HOMER EILER of Topeka, Kansas, the compiler of the following family records, Dancy (my wife), Sharrock, May, Hanson and Eiler, was born in Tower Hill, Ill., Oct. 5, 1868, and followed a business career for over thirty years. Always a student of history, I took up this work of compiling our family records, as a hobby, after retiring from an active business career, with the result that I have enough material for a good sized volume of each, but am able to present only this brief record to be preserved for even yet unborn generations. Please preserve it.



The above tombstone of our ancestor Jacob Iler, marks his resting place near his old homestead, near Findlay, Ohio in Blanchard cemetery.

He had moved here about 1832 form Pickaway county, Ohio where he first settled, when he and his bride came from Frederick county, Maryland about 1808 or 9. Jacob Iler was born in Hesse-Cassel, Germany in 1765, coming to America about 1800, landing in Baltimore. He was married in Frederick Co., Md., Feb. 24, 1808 to Catharine Boom. He died Nov. 19, 1858 aged 92 years.

(Note spelling of Iler.)

JACOB ILER, OUR ANCESTOR

The Iler (Eiler) family is of German origin. Our particular line is from the province of Hesse-Cassell, of that much prized and fought over territory known as Alsaace-Lorraine.

The correct way of spelling our name is Iler, although in general there are many ways of spelling it,such as Eiler, Eyler, Eylar, Eilers, Iler, Ilar, Ohler, Ehler, and in Dutch, Euler.

Our Illinois line through Conrad, our ancestor, is spelled Eiler. This came about when he as an orphaned boy living in a strange neighborhood; and in attendance at the school, the teacher persuaded him to prefix the letter "E" to it, which he did and thus we have it to this day.

He is the only one of his brothers and a sister who uses this spelling, much to the annoyance in our correspondence with our Ohio relatives. It has added much difficulty in my research, in fact all of the work in Maryland and parts of Ohio, aside from our own relatives, has had to be carried on under the name Iler.

The tradition has been carried down in the family, of three brothers who [illegible] original company of this related family. It appears that they came to American about 1800 and landed at Baltimore, Maryland.

Two of these we know—Jacob, our own ancestor, and his brother, Conrad. The latter has descendents still near Westminster, Maryland, and here in Garnett Kansas. I have much correspondence with them.

A fuller account of this Conrad is found elsewhere in this book.

It may be of interest to you to know that I have scores of other records of this German family, spelled in the different ways, but not a one convinces me as belonging to our line.

Strange to say I have never found a single one in New England but all of them in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. They were here in a very early day and many took part in the Revolutionary War.

There is one numerous line in Canada, and they come as near as any that I feel are related distantly to our line. They first settled in Pennsylvania, later going to Canada in the region across from Detroit, Mich. My correspondence has been carried on with a Mr. Ralph Kingsley Iler of Arner, Essex County, Ontario, Canada. One branch of this Canadan family lives in Monrovia, Calif. They spell their name Iler, and have familiar family names.

Our ancestor, Jacob, seems to have settled in Frederick County, Md., for that is where the first official records are concerning him, and that is of two marriage records, as follows:

Jacob Iler married to Margaret Lukebaugh in Frederick Co., Md., June 23, 1802. Also Jacob Iler in same county married to Catharine Boone Feb. 24, 1808. I am confident that both are the records of our Jacob, and that the first wife died without children. I have made a diligent search for the name Lukebaugh, but have never run across the name in any record, nor is the name known even to this day in Maryland.

There is no doubt but what the second marriage is ours, for I have investigated thoroughly and have no doubts at all.

I have been in correspondence with the Boon, and Boone, family in Frederick county,Maryland, and, while they have no Bible records so far, yet the traditions are that"A Catharine Boon in our family was married to a German and removed very soon after marriage to the WEST."

You will find a complete record of this in the "Boone Family Record." I find the name Catharine appearing later in the family in Ohio, which is good evidence also.

The next we hear of our Jacob is in Pickaway Co., Ohio, where all of the children were born. He appears to have settled near a settlement called Royalton, which was near the county line between Pickaway and Fairfield counties. Here it appears the wife and mother died about 1819, and was buried near by, but unfortunately, we have not been able to definitely decide her burial place.

From investigations as carried on by Asa A. Eiler and Miss Jennie Dum, they feel that she is buried in "Union or Stonewall" graveyard, so called because it is enclosed, even today with a stone wall.

Fortunately we have a short record of the life of our Conrad, in his own hand writing, and in that he says, "My mother died when I was four years of age." As he was born in 1815, this is an authentic date for her death, 1819.

There is another possible location for the grave of our ancestress, Catharine (Boone) Iler, and that is given as the Peter Hagar old time burial ground, which is located on a slight hill near this old homestead, and some scattering graves are shown there today. A fuller account is given in the "Boone Family Record."

It is of interest here to mention that our Catharine belongs to that well known Boone family, so well known by Daniel, the great adventurer. But she is from the German branch, while Daniel is from the English, but both reach back in Normandy to one common line, and that is also explained in the Boone record. After the death of the wife, Catharine, our Jacob seems to have remained at the old homestead settlement in Pickaway Co., Ohio, until 1833, for at that date we find him in Hancock Co., Ohio, where he enters land, near Findley, Ohio, and lived there until his death in 1858.

We wish it were possible to know more of our Jacob Iler, but sorry that the Ohio lines appear as ignorant as we, but we do feel that they are in a better position to ferret out some characteristics of our Jacob better than we, but have failed to get them much interested.

This we do know, and it is a source of great satisfaction, that our Jacob was a very religious man. No doubt he was raised a Lutheran, and continued in that faith until there was no organization near him in Ohio to which he could identify himself, and then joined the United Bretheran, that early pioneer religious body. That U. B. organization is still in existence today near his old homestead near Findley, Ohio, and we are pleased to know that the family, in an unbroken line, have been efficient members even to this day.

It is recorded that our ancestor, Jacob Iler, was a potter by original trade, as the German Nation have from time immemorial requires that all children be taught some occupation.

Mr. Lem C. Iler of Findley, Ohio, says he can point to the identical spot where our ancestor procured his clay for his working material. Also that he has in his possession several items of his crockery ware.

It is recorded that Mr. Lem C. Iler lived until recently on this old original homestead near Findley Ohio so that it still remains in the possession of the same family. Fortunately I have a legal description of this old homestead as furnished by the Auditor of the State of Ohio and reads as follows: "Jan. 15, 1833, Jacob Iler of Hancock County, Ohio, entered land as follows: S. E. ¼, Sec. 28, Twp. 1 North, Range 11 East, in Hancock County, Ohio."

Nothing further is recorded about his death which occurred Nov. 19, 1858, aged 92 years, as his tombstone near Findley, Ohio, says and of which I have a kodak view. This makes his birth in 1766. He is buried in Blanchard Cemetery, not far from his old homestead near Findley Ohio. Note that this makes him 42 years of age at his second marriage. I have an official copy of his marriage record as furnished by the Recorder's office in Frederick City, Maryland.

I might state here that I have had an official search made at the port of entry at Philadelphia, also Baltimore, for record of the coming of our Jacob to this country, but without success so far.

To Jacob Iler and wife Catharine were born, so far as we have record, four children, as follows, and as we think, in order of their birth.

(1) Jacob, Jr. (2) John. (3) Nancy. (4) Conrad (our line) Eiler.

RECORD OF JACOB ILER, JR

JACOB ILER, JR., the first child of our Jacob, Sr., and wife Catharine, born in Pickaway County, Ohio, on May 8, 1811. There certainty are some records some where amorng the Ohio folks that surely would give much information but my repeated attempts have failed to get the folks interested but little.

He (Jacob, Jr.) is next heard of in Hancock County, Ohio, because of his marriage, which took place there on Aug. 8, 1833, to Mary McLain. Remember this is the same year that we find our Jacob, Sr. making entry of land there.

Jacob, Jr. and wife seem to have lived in that community all their lives and are buried there in the vicinity to Findley, Ohio.

Later—Just received record from Lemuel Iler, giving the date of the death of Jacob, Jr., as Dec. 21, 1897, age 86 years, 7 months, 13 days. The death of Mary, wife of Jacob, Jr. given as May 2, 1893, aged 78 year, 9 month, 1 day.

To them were born seven children, as follows, and in what is supposed the order of birth: Jackson, Jacob the 3rd, Mary, Susanna, Catharine, Lewis and Louisa. Separate records of each follows:

JACKSON ILER, the oldest child of Jacob, Jr. and Mary his wife, born near Findley, Ohio, Nov. 11, 1836, and died there May 11, 1898. He was married to Abigail T. Hollowell Oct. 21, 1871, and to them were born two children, as follows, Lemuel Conrad, the oldest, and a son later dying in infancy.

LEMUEL CONRAD ILER, the oldest child of Jackson Iler and wife, born near Findley, Ohio, Sept. 19, 1872. Was married to Frances H. Roth near Findley, Ohio, on June 17, 1896. To them were born four children, as follows:

(1) Homer Iler, born Sept. 22, 1897, married to Elva Twiss of Tower Hill, Ill. Dec. 24, 1921. (Elva is the daughter of Charles and Alice (Cannon) Twiss). To Homer Iler and wife was born one child, Mary Alice, May 31, 1926.

(2) Fred Iler, born Dec. 4, 1898, married to Goldie Vanlue Feb. 12, 1922. To them was born one child, named Fred, Jr., on Sept. 22, 1922. Address, Findley, O.

(3) Harry Iler, born Dec 16, 1909, married to Catharine Shull on Nov. 30, 1923. To them one child was born, Evalyn, Nov. 11, 1925. Address, Findley, O.

(4) Frank Iler, born Oct. 24, 1905, and at this date (1928) is single.

This closes the record of Lemuel and wife. Their address is Findley, Ohio.

JACOB ILER, the 3rd, the second child of Jacob, Jr., born———, died infant.

MARY ILER, the third child of Jacob Jr. and Mary his wife, born Aug. 13, 1839. The records show unmarried. She died Dec. 20, 1906, and buried in the Alspach Cemetery.

SUSANNA ILER, the 4th child of Jacob, Jr. and wife Mary, born Oct. 26, 1841, and lived an unmarried life. Died Aug. 25, 1888, buried in Alspach Cemetery.

CATHARINE ILER, the fifth child of Jacob and wife Mary, born Aug. 5, 1846. Lived an unmarried life. Died July 8, 1917; buried in Alspach Cemetery, near Findley, Ohio.

LEWIS ILER, the sixth child of Jacob, Jr. and wife, born Jan. 20, 1850. The record shows unmarried. Died Jan. 1, 1901. Buried in Alspach Cemetery near Findley, Ohio.

LOUISA ILER, the seventh child of Jacob, Jr and wife Mary, born Nov. 28, 1852. Records show she was unmarried. Died June 6, 1922; buried in Alspach Cemetery near Findley, Ohio.

This ends the record of Jacob, Jr. and wife Mary.

Here is a mystery: I have the official record of a Jacob Iler who was married to Louisa Searfos on July 13, 1826, in Pickaway County, Ohio. Inquiry to Lem C. Iler of Findlay, Ohio, who seems to be about the only descendent left, says he has no idea who it can be. I put it here for the benefit of some future family hisorian, to place him where he belongs. I might add anoher one here of this family name, also unaccounted for, as follows: I have the record officially from Highland County, Ohio, of a John Iler: who was married to Rachael Gassett on March 9, 1820. Lem C. Iler can give no record of him either.

RECORD OF JOHN ILER, SR.

JOHN ILER, Sr., the second child of our ancestor Jacob, Sr. and wife Catharine (Boone) Iler, born——? No record of birth or death, but we know he was born in Pickaway Co., O. I find a record in Pickaway Co., O., of his marriage to Sarah Searfoss on Sept. 22, 1826. To John Iler, Sr. and wife Sarah were born four children of whom we have arecord so far. Will say that the descendents live in Michigan and Ohio.

Children as follows: (1) John, Jr. (2) Martha. (3) Eliza. (4) Margaret.

Because of failure of repeated attempts to secure family records, I give a very brief record and really that can not be verified in every instance.

(1) JOHN ILER, Jr., the first child of John, Sr. and wife Sarah, born Oct. 13, 1831, and died in Michigan in 1915. Was married (no record known). To this John, Jr. ond wife were born five children, as follows: (1) James. (2) Harvey. (3) Charles. (4) Mary Elizabeth, and she was known as Lib. (5) Milly.

JAMES ILER, the son of John Iler, Jr. and wife, born Oct. 20, 1858, and now (1928) lives in Cadillac, Mich. 130 Ayres Street.

HARVEY ILER, the second child of John Iler, Jr. born——? Died in 1920. His widow now (1928) lives in Sturgis, Mich., 108 Lakeview Street.

CHARLES ILER, the third child of John, Jr., born Dec. 23, 1871; and now lives in Hopkins, Mich., Route 3; occupation rural mail carrier.

MARY ELIZABETH ILER, the fourth child of John Jr., born——? Married to R. E. Davenport at Cedar Springs, Mich. No further record. Known as "Lib."

MILLY ILER, the fifth child of John, Jr., no record only she died single. These folks know so little about the family, having been born in Michigan.

MARTHA ILER, the second child of John Iler, Sr. and wife Sarah (Searfoss) Iler: unfortunately cannot give any record. Failed to get response.

ELIZA (ILER) MOORE, the third child of John, Sr. and wife Sarah, born in Hancock County, Ohio. Married John Moore———? Three children born to them: (1) Jane Moore, who married a Mr. Fuller. (2) Sarah Moore, who married a Mr. Matthews. (3) William Moore: no further record, but the Michigan line say they still live in Hancock County, Ohio.

MARGARET (ILER) MANN, the 4th child of John Iler, Sr. and wife Sarah, born in Hancock County, Ohio where all the other children were born. She died there. She married a Mr. Mann, and was known as "Peggy," and recorded that three girls were born to them, named Tillie, Lillie and Allie. Sorry to say that I have been unable to get folks interested enough to start a rearer for any of these many relatives of our line.

Later—Just as we go to the printer, we received a record from Ohio stating that after the death of John Iler, Sr. that Sarah, the widow, remarried a Jacob Folk, and five children were born to this union as follows: (a) Sarah (fuller name below). (b) Jacob. (c) Andrew. (d) Daniel. (e) Henry.

No record furnished at all of the boys. Certainly disappointed, that I failed to interest scarcely any line of our own folks in furnishing records that we could hand down to posterity.

It appears that Sarah (Searfoss) Iler-Folk died in Findley, Ohio, on Oct 19, 1887. Jacob Folk died May 30, 1901. No record of death of John Iler, Sr. given.

SARAH (FOLK) SWITZER, a daughttr of Jacob Folk and Sarah (Searfoss) Iler, his wife, born in Hancock County, Ohio, April 7, 1846, died there July 12, 1911. Married Mr. Switzer in Hancock Co., O. Nine children born to this union: (1) William of Lansing, Mich., and father of nine children. (b) Martin L., born ——? Died Jan. 6, 1860. (c) Jacob E., born——?. Died Sept. 29, 1883. (d) John W., born——? Now of Findley, Ohio, father of seven children. (e) Oran G. born ——? Died Jan. 8, 1919. Father of one son, Grover Switzer of Findley, Ohio. (f) Rufus Sherman Switzer, born —— Single, in Findley, Ohio. (g) Daniel E., born——? Father of four children, all of Findley, Ohio. (h) Sophia J., born——? Died Oct. 1928. (i) Lemuel A., born——? Father of two children. He died May 21, 1920.

This ends the record of John Iler, Sr.

RECORD OF NANCY (ILER) MURPHY

NANCY (ILER) MURPHY, whom we are placing as the third child of our Jacob, Sr. and wife Catharine (Boon) Iler, but in the absence of any records are sorry to not be able to give much about her.

She married a William Murphy, and they had a family of———children. I have been only able to trace two children, as follows: (a) William Murphy, Jr., whom I have traced to Wapello, Iowa, where in the late 1850's he married a Sarah Pike, and to them one child was born which died in infancy. Sorry to record that the father died very shortly after the infant child, from that awful malady so prevalent in early pioneer time, known as the flux.

I am pleased to relate here that Asa A. Eiler of Tower Hill, Ill., while in Ohio a few years ago secured a package of old letters written back and forth between his father, Conrad Eiler, and his brother Jacob, Jr. and others on Hancock County, Ohio, and one among them concerning the account of this William Murphy, Jr., written by him before his death, and then one by a Mr. Pike, the father-inlaw of our Wm. Murphy, Jr. So there is where we have received what little information there is about this William.

The nature of these letter has to do mostly with the settling of the estate of the father, Jacob Iler, Sr., who had died in 1858.

Pleased to say that I have corresponded with the Pike family in Iowa, at Wapello, during this year, but they could not add anything so far.

(2 SARAH MURPHY seems to be another child of this Nancy, but this is all, and not a single other item.

This closes the record of Nancy (Iler) Murphy.

RECORD OF CONRAD (ILER) EILER

CONRAD (ILER) EILER, the fourth and last child of Jacob Iler, Sr. and wife Catharine, was born Sept. 13, 1815, in Hickaway County, Ohio. We can not say positively whether he is the last child, or his sister Nancy, but we do know that the mother, Catharine, died in 1819.

As we related elsewhere, I have a record in the hand writing of our own Conrad, giving a few brief items about himself and family. I am going to give it verbatim, word for word, as it is now preserved by me, written by him in 1898 on the back of a kodak view of the old Eiler Homestead built in 1852.

By the way, this building was constructed of walnut, as that was preferred in pioneer days for building material. Parts of this old structure is now (1928) standing and bring back memories of other days, when the early pioneers struggled for supremacy.

This writing is dated Feb. 14, 1898, and addressed to me at Pontiac, Ill.

"I was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, on the 13th of Sept., 1815. My mother died when I was four years of age. I lived at home till I was 14 years old, when I went to live John Hagar until I was 21 years old, and got for my services $100.00 and 6 months schooling, entered 80 acres of land in Hancock Co., Ohio. Sold it for $500.00. Then worked for Asa Trone for four years, for $120.00 a year. He died and I worked for 1 year for Lewis Peters, got married on Aug. 26th, 1841. Rented a farm, lived on it till 1849. Then moved to Illinois, and landed here on Sept. 13th, 1849. Built me a barn moved in it on Nov. 1st. Built this two story house of walnut in 1852, and lived in it until 1873, when I bought out your father-s (Lewis Eiler) farm, and moved there and lived there for six years, then moved to town. I was converted and joined the church (United Brethren) in September, 1833. Signed, Conrad Eiler."

A FEW COMMENTS ON HIM AND HIS LIFE

It is known in our family that our grandfather Conrad Eiler, was bound out when he was 14 years old to this John Hager near the old home in Pickaway County, Ohio. That a part of his work was to carry two-bushel sacks of wheat up a flight of stairs, in a water mill, and this ardous work, no doubt, was the cause of his bow-legs. Grandfather has [illegible]ted many times that he slept in the hopper, to watch the feeding of the grain into the burrs.

By way of interest during this year (1928) our uncle Asa A. Eiler, when visiting the old mill spot, had his picture taken on the ruins of this old mill. Also secured a stone from the foundation and an old broad axe found among the ruins, and these I prize very much, as momentoes of other days.

Just a mention here why our Conrad spells his name different from his father and brothers. This was caused when he was bound out, and attended school, and the schoolmaster took the liberty to prefix the letter "E" to his name and started Conrad that way to spell his name, which he kept up, and carried into his own family.

As stated, this has been a source of worry to make explanations in all my researches in Ohio, Maryland and elsewhere. But it is here to stay.

Another incident in grandfather's life. I have heard him mention that wonderful meteor display in 1833, which has gone down into history as the year of "Shooting Stars."

When our grandfather, Conrad Eiler, lived on the old homestead southwest of Tower Hill, Ill., he was instrumental in building a log church, near by which is known to this day as the "Eiler Church." He was a very religious man, and not only raised his family of five boys religiously, but his power was felt in the community, long after he moved away. He was an exhorter in the U. B. Church and considered a power in the old-fashioned revival of pioneer days.

Our Conrad entered the land in 1849 from the Government at $1.25 per acre. Here on this old homestead the last child, Asa Anderson Eiler, was born on June 13, 1855.

As stated by our Conrad in his own writing, he was married Aug. 26, 1841 to Mary Ann Anderson, the oldest child of Thomas Anderson. She was born Feb 21, 1820, in Fairfield County, Ohio. Her mother was a Delilah (Scothorn, born May 14, 1798, in West Virginia, in Greenbrier Co.

Recent search has revealed the exact location of the birth of our Delilah Scothorn, being in what is now Monroe County, West Virgina, about fifteen miles east of Union, the County Seat, near a stream known in her time as Little Devil Creek. We have a copy of the record of the land as bought by her father, Lewis Scothorn, 200 acres at 83 cents per acre, purchased in 1797 from Joseph and Mary Higginbotham..

The Scothorn family are of very strict Quaker stock, and their record is found in the history of that family. Delilah died in 1860 and is buried in the "Eiler Cemetery," near Tower Hill, Ill.

Just here I want to make mention of this Anderson family, as of all the families that I have written the history of, and they are seventeen, I have had the hardest work with the ANDERSON line. I have written absolutely hundreds of letters and am still at it. I have traced dozens of Anderson lines but fail to make the proper connections with our Thomas.

I have ONE strong line that I am now working on, and it is the Anderson line that at one time lived in Fairfield county, Ohio, coming there in 1806 from Hampshire county, now West Va., part of the family settling in Indiana

The only clue I have to the parents of our Thomas is just ONE LINE, and that has come down to us in a sort of tradition. It is this from our Thomas when he says "Our Folks Live in Indiana." Not another single word written, or otherwise is there to base any record on, and now I have everything in shape, but lack just ONE item, that is to prove that our Thomas was the son of a John Anderson, who belonged to this Virginia family who settled in Fairfield county in 1806, but this JOHN ACTUALLY DID SETTLE IN INDIANA.

I hope some day to ferret it all out satisfactory. So this is the story of our Grandmother Mary Ann (Anderson) Eiler who with her husband settled near the town of Royalton on the County line between Fairfield county and Pickaway county, Ohio, but in Pickaway county.

To Conrad and wife were born in Ohio, four boys named as follows: William, Lewis, John, Thomas. Then in Illinois, the last one, Asa Anderson.

Just another word about our grandparents as to the closing of their lives. Conrad, as stated, moved to Tower Hill in 1879 and died there July 7, 1901, and is buried in Tower Hill cemetery. The wife died June 20, 1895, and is buried beside her husband.

HERE FOLLOWS THE RECORD OF EACH OF THE FIVE BOYS

WILLIAM EILER, the oldest child of Conrad and wife was born near Royalton, Ohio, in Pickaway county, Ohio, June 1, 1842. He died in Tower Hill, Ill, unmarried, July 15, 1915, and is buried in the Eiler lot in Tower Hill Cemetery.

He is next heard of as a soldier in the Civil War, enlisting in Co. M, 3rd Ill. Cavalry. He was later discharged from service on account of failing health, and was an invalid for all his life. He followed school teaching in early life. Later he turned his attention to farm interests, finally becoming the owner of many farms near Tower Hill. He was over six feet in height and carried an erect figure even to the time of his demise.

LEWIS EILER, the second child of Conrad and wife was born on the old Ohio homestead, near Royalton in Pickaway county, Ohio, on Feb. 21, 1844, on his mother's birthday. He died in Shelbyville, Ill., on Sept. 1, 1913, and is buried in Shelbyville, Ill. cemetery.

Was married to Julia Ann (Sharrock) on Feb. 10, 1867, and to them were born two children, Homer Conrad and Mary Catharine. (Records later)

The wife-mother was the daughter of John and Catharine (May) Sharrock who were neighbors to the Eiler family, as the young folks of both families attended the same school, church and social functions.

The wife-mother, Julia was of frail body, and a semi-invalid all her life, and this was caused by exposure during the days of the Civil War, when her father and older brothers, were off at the front and she with a younger brother named Mark, were left to tend the farm and stock. This was too much for a girl in her teen age and eventually led to her death, in 1889 on June 19, and she is buried in the Tower Hill Cemetery.

A full account of her life is given in the Sharrock history. But I want to record this word in the Eiler history. To me she is my ideal character, and in the words of the immortal Lincoln, who said, "All I am, and all I ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

The next event in the life of Lewis Eiler was his enlistment in the great Civil War in Aug. 1861 in Co M. 3rd Ill. Cav., later he was in Co. C.,

He emerged from the war as a 1st Lieutenant. He aws in 19 engagements, so I have heard him say, and never received a scratch. He was sent West after the close of the war to drive the Indians back into Canada, from which place they had come, doing great damage to lives and property, all over the Great West. Father was mustered out of service at Ft. Snelling, Minnesota, in Oct., 1865. I have his picture at this time, showing him with a heavy beard.

Later—On account of my father being an officer in the Civil War that made me eligible to join that great Patriotic Society, the "Loyal Legion of the United States," which I did in May 1929. I have since been elected Recorder for Kansas of that Society. (H. E.)

After marriage Lewis Eiler and wife settled south of Tower Hill about one half mile and here two children were born. About 1873 he entered a merchandise partnership with A. M. Craddock of Tower Hill. In a few years he sold out, and returned farming. Then on Jan. 14, 1884 he bought out the stock of General merchandise of his father-in-law John Sharrock, and continued for several years in business. The last few years of his life was in the Real Estate business in Shelbyville, Ill., with his brother Thomas. The record of the two children here follows:

HOMER CONRAD EILER, the oldest child of Lewis and Julia Ann (Sharrock) Eiler, was born on the farm near Tower Hill, Ill., on Oct 5, 1868. Grew to manhood in the vicinity, taught school for two short terms, attended DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., in 1889-90.

On account of his failing health went west in 1890, and grew better. Was married to Rose Dancy in Republic, Kansas on Feb. 24, 1891. Settled in Tower Hill, Ill., where he engaged in business and continued for about thirty years in such places as Pontiac, Ill., Oklahoma City, Okla., and Columbus, Kansas, finally retiring to private life in Topeka, Kans., where he and wife now (1928) live. Rose Dancy is the daughter of William and Frances Servis Dancy, he is of North Carolina and she of Ohio.

To Homer Eiler and wife, Rose, were born two children, as follows, Julia Frances Eiler, and an infant son, who died at birth, Sept. 2, 1898, and is buried at Pontiac, Ill. The record of Frances follows.

JULIA FRANCES (EILER) WITTEN, the daughter of Homer and Rose Eiler, born in Tower Hill, Ill. on Aug. 28, 1894. Was married to Charles Eldon Witten in Columbus, Kans, on May 6, 1917. Mr. Witten is the son of Charles Tiffany Witten and wife Elizabeth (Stagg) Witten, both of Virginia parentage.

To Frances and husband were born two children as follows: (1) Rose Elizabeth, born in East St. Louis, Ill., on July 6, 1919. (2) Homer Charles, born July 10, 1921, in Topeka, Kansas. Present address of Frances and family is in Pasadena, Calif, 503 Alberta Street.

MARY CATHARINE (EILER) ROBINSON, the second child of Lewis Eiler and wife Julia, was born also at the old farm home south of Tower Hill, on Sept. 1, 1870. Grew to womanhood in the vicinity. Was married to Clinton L. Robinson of Tower Hill on April 1, 1891. C. L. Robiison was the only child of Allen R. Robinson and wife, both natives of Ohio, where he was born in Fayette county, O., July 5, 1869. Clint as he is known, followed the life of railroading all his life until the last few years when he retired and he and wife are now (1928) living in Denver, Colo. 3231, Newton Ave.

To Mary and husband Clint, were born one child Ray Eiler Robinson, on Jan. 1, 1901. Ray was married to Mildred Carlson of Denver on June 19, 1920, and to them was born one child named Howard Ray, born Sept. 6, 1922. The address of Ray and family is 3348 Allcot Ave, Denver, Colo.

Lewis Eiler after the death of his wife Julia in 1889, was married to Zora Boone in Indianapolis, Ind. on May 17, 1893. To them was born one child named Fannie Lewis Eiler, born June 11, 1898. Present address is Greenville, Indiana. This ends the record of Lewis Eiler.

JOHN R. EILER, the third child of Conrad and wife was born at the Ohio homestead on Aug. 30, 1846. Has followed farming all his life. Married to Catharine Hanson at the home near the Eiler church on Oct. 12, 1870. Catharine is the daughter of John Hanson an early pioneer of that vicinity.

To John and Catharine were born four children as follows: Minerva, Addie, Mattie, and Emerson. Record of each follows.

MINNERVA (EILER) STONGER, the oldest child of John and Catharine Eiler, born May 10, 1872. Married to Henry Stonger, Dec. 5, 1905 and to them was born one child named Bertha, born June 29, 1915. Address (1928) Tower Hill, Ill.

ADDIE (EILER) BRIMM, second child of John and Catharine Eiler, born Sept. 17, 1876. Married to Samuel Brimm July 8, 1908. To them were born 7 children as follows: (1) Roy E., born April 22, 1909 at Cleveland, Oklahoma; (2) Karl William, born Oct. 17, 1910 at Tower Hill, Ill. (3) Goida Anna, born June 1, 1912 at Tower Hil, (now dead) (4) Derald Clinton, born April 23 1914 at Cleveland, Okla. (5) Woodrow Wilson, born Nov. 24, 1916, at Tower Hill; (6) John Herbert, born Nov. 26, 1918 at Tower Hill: (7) Lucile Catharine, born April 2, 1920 at Tower Hill.

The present address of Addie and family is Decatur, Ill.

MATTIE EILER, the third child of John and wife, born Oct. 3, 1879; died Sept. 3, 1880

EMERSON EILER, the fourth child of John and wife Catharine, born Sept. 13 1883; married to Jessie Rowley, Oct. 31, 1912. To them were born four children as follows: (1) Hazel Addie, born July 19, 1913. (2) Homer Leroy, born Jan. 9, 1916; (3) Theodore William, born Nov. 19, 1917; (4) John Thomas, born Jan. 28, 1920. All born near Tower Hill, Ill. Present address of family, Tower Hill.

Later—Since compiling this record we are compelled to record the death of John R. Eiler, which occurrd at his home, one mile north of Tower Hill, Ill., on Feb. 4, 1929. He was in his 83rd year. Is buried in Linwood cemetery near Pana, Ill. The widow Catharine still lives at the home place.

THOMAS CONRAD EILER, the fourth child of Conrad and wife, born at Ohio homestead near Royalton in Pickaway county, on Sept. 13, 1848. He prepared himself for teaching, graduating at Westfield College. He followed for some time this profession, but later took to farming on a large scale, living near Tower Hill..

Was married to Zana Pugh on Sept. 9, 1875. She was the daughter of Robert Pugh, familiarly known as "Uncle Bobby" one of the early pioneer settlers near Tower Hill, his parents coming there from Kentucky in the early 30's.

To Thomas and wife were born five children as follows: William Robert, Charles Roscoe, Olive Mary, Dwight Moody, and Verner Thomas.

WILLIAM ROBERT EILER, born May 14, 1878; died Feb. 6, 1884, buried in Knobbs cemetery.

CHARLES ROSCOE EILER, born Feb. 13, 1880; married to Emma Dutton of Tower Hill, Nov. 21, 1903; born to them one child, Roscoe, born Sept. 8, 1904. Roscoe married to Marie Cannon of Tower Hill, June 30, 1927. Present address is Long View, Ill. Address Charles and wife Tower Hill, Ill. (1929)

OLIVE MARY EILER, the third child of Thomas and Zana his wife, born Oct. 11, 1882. Never married. Address (1928) Shelbyville, Ill. with widowed mother.

DWIGHT MOODY EILER, born Mar. 25, 1884; married Oct. 15, 1906 to Helen Toby of Westfield, Ill. To them were born two children as follows: (1) Genevieve born May 18, 1909, (2) Marshall, born June 26, 1911. Unable to give address of these children. Dwight the husband-father died at Pana, Ill. Oct. 11, 1923, buried in Tower Hill cemetery. The widow Helen, remarried in 1927, but unable to give address.

VERNOR THOMAS EILER, the last child of Thomas and Zana his wif born May 20, 1886. Married to Mary Elizabeth Dunn of Shelbyville, Ind., Ju 30, 1919. To them were born two children. (1) Mary Virginia, born May 2 1920; (2) Robert Whitcomb, born May 23,1924. Address is Tower Hill, Ill. where Verner is Postmaster. We are pleased to report that Verner is the only one of the Eiler family, so far as we have been able to find, who was in the World War. His record follows as given by him: "I volunteered April 10., 1918, and was assigned to the Army School for Mechanics at Camp Bradley at Peoria, Ill.

Sailed for France July 31, 1918 with the 33rd P. O. D. Co., 1st Regiment. Landed in France August 12th Was assigned to the Air service August 20, 1918 in Aerial Gunnery Service at St Joan, Des Mounts, France, 1101 Aero replacement squadron, as casual aid, and then transferred to 95th Aero Squadron of the first Pursuit group. Engaged in fights at St. Mihel Sector, the Argonne, and Verdun. Returned from France Feb. 19, 1919, and was mustered out at Camp Grant, Ill. March 27, 1919. This 95th has a record to account for 56 enemy planes. We lost 30 pilots and we received 5 citations for bravery."

This ends the record of the children of Thomas and Zana (Pugh) Eiler, and all the children were born near Tower Hill, Illinois.

In compiling this record, we are sad to record recently the death of Thomas Eiler the husband-father, on January 11, 1928 in Shelbyville, Ills. He is buried in the family lot in Tower Hill Cemetery. The widow now (1929) lives in Shelbyville, Ills. (A recent find gives the date of birth of Zana (Pugh) Eiler as July 18, 1853.)

ASA ANDERSON EILER, the fifth and last child of Conrad and wife Mary Ann was born at the old Eiler homestead near the Eiler Church, south-west of Tower Hill, Ills. on June 13, 1855.

He was raised, and still continues his home in the same township, his present residence, and for many years has been Tower Hill, Illinois.

Was married five times as follows: (1) to Una Corley the daughter of the Rev. B. W. F. Corley, an old pioneer of the community, also a local preac · " for many years in the Methodist Church. This wedding took place Sept. 26, 1878. To them was born one child named Walter Oaks, record as follows:

WALTER OAKS EILER the only child of Asa A. and Una his wife, was born in Tower Hill, July 19, 1880, was married to Rhoda Montooth of Lakewood, Ill., on July 21, 1900. To them was born one child named Florence, born Aug. 16, 1900.

Florence Eiler was married to J. Archie Cullumber Dec. 4, 1920. To them were born two children as follows: (1) Norman Eiler Cullumber, May 24, 1923; (2) Mary Elizabeth, Feb. 10, 1927. Present address of Florence is Tower Hill, Ills.

Sad to record the death of Rhoda Eiler, the wife-mother on Aug. 2, 1927, and she is buried in Tower Hill Cemetery. Walter's Residence is Tower Hill, Ills.

Una B. (Corley) Eiler the wife of Asa A. Eiler and mother of Walter died May 1, 1883 and is buried in Tower Hill. Cemetery.

Asa A. Eiler was married the second time to Virginia Sunderman, known as Jennie, of Amanda, Ohio on Jan. 29, 1885. To them was born one child named Esther, on Dec. 13, 1889.

Esther was married to Leo L. Lowe of Tower Hill, on March 1, 1914. No children by this union. Present Residence is Tower hill, Ill.

Jennie the wife-mother died March 18, 1912 and is buried in Tower Hill, Cemetery. (Jennie was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, Feb. 16, 1853.

Asa A. Eiler was married the third time to Minnie B. Fairchild on May 5, 1914. No children by this union. Sad to record her death on July 8, 1925. She is buried in Tower Hill Cemetery.

Asa A. Eiler was married the fourth time to Mrs. Rose May Nichols of Tower Hill on June 1, 1926. Sad to record this marriage unfortunate, terminating into separation about a year later when the wife suddenly and without any notice left the home of her husband Asa A. Eiler, refusing to return.

Asa A. Eiler was married the fifth time to Mrs. Ida (Neil) Anderson, on July 11, 1929. The wife is the daughter of Tillman Neil, a member of one of the old time pioneer families of the community. She was married to a Mr. Anderson now dead.

Present address (1929) of Asa A. Eiler is Tower Hill, Ills. where he is interested in farming interests.

Thus ends the record of the Iler-Eiler family, so far received and as stated before, it pains us not to be able to give a fuller account of the Ohio and Michigan lines, but like so many families, the neglect of keeping family records. I urge all to please look after this in the future.

This may not appeal to many of this generation, but think what it will mean to the yet unborn generations who will have this record in the family. The compiler is going to see to it that copies will be placed in the library at Shelbyville, Ills., Pana, Ill., Findlay, Ohio, and Topeka Kansas in the Kansas Memorial Library and that way they may be preserved for future posterity.

To the Conrad Eiler family, this one word about the Anderson record, will say that I am constantly at work on a research for the record, but am unable at present (1928) to give absolute proof of the line that I am working on. I hope someday to have it fully. With this I bid you good by.

Thanking those who have helped in this record.

Respectfully,

Topeka, Kansas, 1929. Homer Eiler

LATER—Just as we are having this record printed, we are informed that Walter O. Eiler was married Sept. 6, 1929 at Paris, Ill., to Jessie Enola Eckert.

HISTORY OF THE BOON FAMILY

The Iler, or Eiler, family is descended from the historic Boone family, our line being known as the German Branch in this way.

Our ancestor, Jacob Iler, who came to America from Hesse-Cassel in Allsace-Lorraine, Germany, about 1800, and landed in Baltimore, finally locating in the German settlement in Frederick County, Maryland, married Catharine Boon, Feb. 24, 1808, in that county. I have a copy of the official record.

As stated before in the Iler-Eiler record, that there are two official marriage records of Jacob Iler in Frederick County, Md., the other being dated June 23, 1802, to Margaret Lukebaugh.

I have made a thorough search for the records of the Lukebaugh family and have been unable to even locate the name in any place or anywhere in Maryland. So that record is a sort of closed event. I sometimes am inclined to think that our Jacob was married twice, and that the first wife died childless.

This is the same identical and original Boon family which we have read so much about in our histories who achieved prominence among our Country's pioneers and adventurers, our line being the German branch and the Daniel Boon line being the English branch, and both origiuating in Normandy, it being that portion of Northern France and Belgium.

There are many way of spelling the name, such as starting several centuries ago with Bohun, then Bohn, Bone Boon, Boone, etc.

The English line achieved prominence in England in espousing the cause of Cromwell. They became a powerful family in political and military affairs, to the extent that they boasted of their "Coat of Arms with its Royal Crest."

I have framed a copy of this Heraldic emblem and prize it very highly. As stated, the original records date back to about the tenth century in Old Normandy, whose inhabitants were known in ancient history as the Normans, and led in conquests that changed the map of Europe, also of England.

Our particular line migrated to Germany during these troublesome times, and then about 1700 we learn of a Bone family to which was born a son, named Hans Deal Bone. We are inclined to think as a young man he joined the German colony in Maryland, and there raised his family.

The next we know officially is a will as made by him on Nov. 1, 1761, and it reads as follows: "I Han Deal Bone of Frederick County, and the Province of Maryland, a farmer being in good health of body and sound of mind and memory being forthwith to depart on a voyage to Germany, do make this my last will and Testament as follows;"

Then follows his various bequeaths and he lists his family as follows. Wife named Mary. Sons, Nicholas, Jacob, Abraham, John, and Adam. The girls are Margaret, Mary, Katharine, and Elizabeth.

The next record shows that he returned and died in Frederick County, Md. in 1764 as this will shows a probate record for that year.

Unfortunately we are still unable to give a full list of dates to prove beyond any reasonable doubt, but what this Han Deal Bone is our line, as all records and SPECIALLY the familiar names as carried down attest our belief.

We trace our line through Abraham the son of this Han Deal Bone, and we have a fair record of his family, except our Catharine which is very meagre. We know this, that Abraham settled a few miles east of Frederick City, Md., in a settlement known as 'Chesnut Grove.' This is pointed out today as the old original homestead, by many descendents of Abraham, who live in that County. One party writes that Abraham is buried in the family burial plot on this farm. I am now-trying desperately to locate the grave and possibly a stone.

We only know of two children so far of this Abraham, one named Nicholas after his brother, and the other named Katharine after his sister. This is supposed to be "OUR KATHARINE". We know the date of birth and death of Nicholas as 1788 and 1872. We feel that our Catharine was the older and therefore born about 1786. (We know she died in 1819.) Note the spelling from K to C and we do that because it is Catharine on the official marriage record.

We are still at work having records searched, and hope later to be able to add considerable to this history, in a more authentic manner.

We are in correspondence with several descendents of this Abraham, and while they yet have no family records, only traditions about our Catharine, yet they feel confident, our conclusions are right.

They have ONE tradition that lends its aid to this reasoning. It is that Katharine, the sister to their Grandfather married and left very soon for the Great West, and never more was heard of.

Now that accords with the facts as we know them, because it appears that Jacob and wife left very soon after marriage for Pickaway County, Ohio, for ALL their children were born in Ohio.

From all the above we arrive at this conclusion that our Catharine was born about 1786 a few miles east of Frederick City, Md., being the daughter of Abraham Bone and wife. That she was 22 years old at her marriage and lived in Pickaway County, Ohio the rest of her life, dying there in 1819.

Note that the way of spelling the name seems to have changed from the German way, of Bone to Boon and is so recorded in the marriage record. The descendents in Maryland and Virginia of this Abraham also spell their name both ways, Boon and Boone. Things like this happen, just as Eiler and Her.

It appears that our Jacob and Catharine, his wife, setted near Ringgold, near the line between Pickaway and Fairfield Counties, Ohio. To them were born four children as follows: Jacob Jr., John, Nancy, and Conrad. Unfortunately we are unable to give dates of birth of any, except our own ancestor Conrad, who was born Sept. 13, 1815.

Fortunately we have his own handwriting of our Grandfather Conrad Eiler that his mother died when he was about four years of age. A further record of his life written by him is given in the Eiler record.

The definite place of burial of our Catharine is not of record so far, but we hope later to be able to designate it properly. Mention might be made here of the efforts of our Uncle Asa Eiler and a cousin, Miss Jennie Dum, to locate it, but without success so far.

However it appears to be agreed on one of two places. The first and more probable is that known as Union, or the Stonewall Graveyard, near the old homestead, close to Ringgold. This place is so called because of its enclosure with an old fast decaying stone wall. In it are many old stones with date back to 1822 and 1825, attesting to its early burial place. All feel that this is undoubtedly the spot, but no stone has been found to prove it.

This old burial spot is located near an old place of worship, known as the Lutheran Church, and no doubt the place of worship of our ancestors, as that was their religion. Later in life we have the record of our Jacob Her joining the United Bretheren Church and is known as a very devout member of that faith, and his children also became faithful adherents to that society.

By way of further record we are pleased to mention that near the old Jacob Her homestead in Hancock County, where our Jacob moved in 1833, close to Findlay, the present day generation of Her family worship on the same old spot, and the same organization of United Bretheren, where our Jacob worshipped.

The other possible location of burial for our Catharine is, the Peter's graveyard. This appears to be located not far from Ringgold and in an open pasture on an elevation near the old Peter's homestead. Many old graves are here. In fact there was one grave we are especially interested in, it is that of Lewis Scothorn, an ancestor through the wife of our Conrad Eiler. He was born in 1765 in Penna and died in 1816. A few years ago his remains were removed to what is known as the Reber Cemetery, and a monument erected to mark this his last resting spot. Only a few graves with stones remain here and it also holds its secret as to who are buried there.

As we understand it, this burial spot is not far from where our ancestor, Conrad Eiler, was employed by Louis Peters to work in a water mill, and where it is said our grandparent worked so hard in carrying two-bushel sacks of wheat up two flights of stairs, that he went through life with bowed legs.

We feel confident that by a continued search through official records and among old Bibles and family records, and especially among the many old graveyards in Frederick County, Md., that we will at some time be able to report a much better record.

It is of interest to know that there has been organized in the United States what is known as the "Boone Family Association" having for its purpose of securing more records of this interesting family.

It was organized in Washington, D. C., in 1925 and has members in every state in the Union, and in several foreign countries.

I am pleased that I am a member of this Society, and hold the office of Vice President of the Kansas Chapter. My number is 1377, so you see there is quite an organization, and I have been a member nearly two years, so that number is increased by this time.

Any one desiring to join can do so, and I am anxious that you write me for particulars.

P. S. Later—While this record was in the printer's hands we received some valuable information to the Boon family.

As stated, I am a member of the "Boon Family Association of America," and our Society publishes an annual magazine and each time gives the record of some ONE prominent ancestral Boon.

It was our good "luck" in the issue for 1929 just received to find the record of what we KNOW, absolutely now, is our away back ancestor, that of Han Deal Boon, as spoken of above.

Here is authentic information from reliable genealogists, who have examined all sorts of records, NEVER recording any traditions at all, and have given us a record of our ancestor that is beyond price in dollars.

Briefly I will review this article of several pages.

First, in the original German language, the name of this, our ancestor, is Johan Diehl Bohun, but this ascestor himself in his will made in 1761, wrote his name according to English pronunciation as Han Deal Bone.

We have several original documents, in his own hand writing, in the German language as Johan Diehl Bohun also.

It appears that he was born in Germany in 1711, and came to America in 1741, in the vessel "Marlborough" with a captain named Thomas Bell, landing at Philadelphia. This is on record in Harrisburg, Pa.

Also recorded there that he took the "Oath of Allegiance," as required by all foreigners, and by that I mean any who were not English, as America was then under English control, as we all know.

We next hear of him in 1746, as living in Frederick County, Maryland, and the land records there record three tracts of land of his, and named, as all tracts of land were given original names in those early pioneer days.

Here are the names as recorded to our ancestor, Han Deal Bone: "Boon's Content," 50 acres; "Shear's Spring," 235 acres; "No Whiskey," 40 acres. All three of these tracts are mentioned in his will made in 1761, and probated in 1764, and I have a copy.

These tracts are located about fifteen miles northeast of Frederick City, Md.

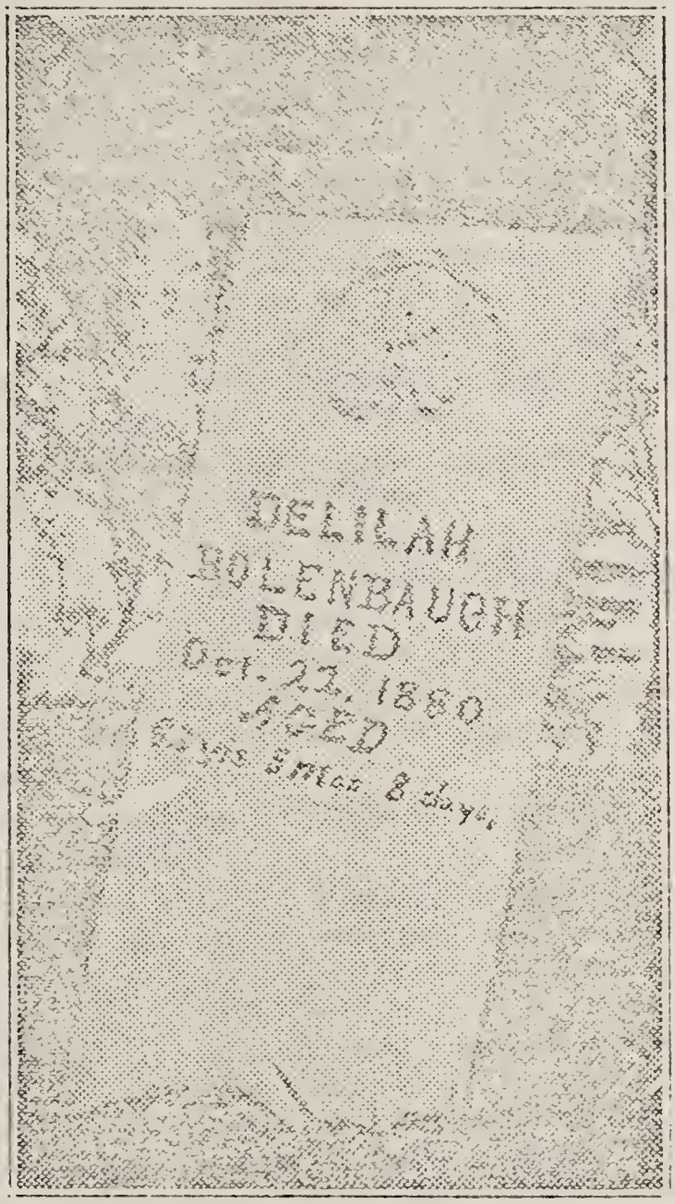
As I have recorded above, my decision is that our Catharine Boon is a granddaughter of thisJohan Diehl Bohun, and her father being Abraham as mentioned in the will, and I place her birth around 1786 in Frederick County, Md.

Remember that, for me to give Abraham as her father is NOT so clear, but NO DOUBT at all but Han Deal Bone is her grandfather, and I am still working on who undoubtedly is her father. The reason is that EACH one of these sons of Han Deal Bone named a daughter Catharine.

Again, these reliable genealogists, who have searched official records, state that the celebrated Daniel Boone family belongs to the English branch, as I first stated. Later I hope to have all our Boon record cleared.

Respectfully,

Topeka, Kansas, 1929. HOMER EILER.



The above is the picture of the grave of Delilah (Scothorn) Anderson Bolenbaugh. She was the daughter of Lewis Scothorn and wife, Miss Bell. Born in what is now Monroe Co., West Va., originally Greenbrier Co., about 15 miles east of Union the county seat, as the land records of that county locate the farm of Lewis Scothorn at the time of her birth which was May 14, 1798.

She was left an orphan when a baby, and raised by her step-mother, who was a Miss Tallman before she was married to Lewis Scothorn as his second wife. Delilah Scothorn was raised in Pickaway county, Ohio, was married there to Thomas Anderson, on Feb. 26, 1819.

After the death of her husband in 1836 she remarried to a Mr. Bolenbaugh in 1839. After his death in a few years she then made her home with her daughter Minerva (Anderson) Warren, near Tower Hill, Ill., where she died Oct. 22, 1860 and is buried in the Eiler cemetery, close by the Warren homestead.

THE ANDERSON FAMILY RECORD

The Conrad Eiler descendents are descended from the Anderson line through his wife, who was before her marriage, Mary Ann Anderson who was the oldest child and daughter of Thomas Anderson and his wife, Delilah (Scothorn) Anderson of Fairfield County, Ohio.

Mary Ann (Anderson) Eiler was born Feb. 21, 1820, in Fairfield Co., Ohio. Left fatherles while young, her father Thomas Anderson, dying Nov. 21, 1836, she assumed the duties of the household, for her younger brothers and sisters.

She was united in marriage to Conrad Eiler of Pickaway County, Ohio, on August 26, 1841, by the Rev. John Salmonds at the residence of Thomas Tallman near Ringgold near the line of Fairfield and Pickaway counties, Ohio.

Here four of her five boys were born—William, June 1, 1842; Lewis, Feb. 21, 1844; John R., born Aug. 30, 1846; Thomas C., Sept. 13, 1848. The fifth son, Asa, was born near Tower Hill, June 13, 1855).

In 1849 she, with her husband and family, removed to Tower Hill, Ill., and became one of the early settlers in that section.

Grandmother Eiler was of the line of Quaker faith, and since we have been studying the family genealogy back over 200 years and found out this very remarkable and interesting fact, we can look back at the life of Grandmother and remember how she exhibited that interesting Quaker faith in her quiet demeanor and disposition, which is so evident in the lives of those who not only were raised in that faith, but have that characteristic, circulating in their blood as she had for two centuries or more.

(In the history of the Scothorn family we are pleased to treat more fully of this wonderful Quaker family).

Grandmother Eiler united with the United Brethren Church while young, and was a faithful member of that Society all her life. She was blessed with the happy privilige of seeing all her five boys (except William, who remained a bachelor) all settled in happy homes close by.

She died in Tower Hill, Ill., June 29, 1895, and is buried in the cemetery of that village, beside her husband, Conrad Eiler.

Of all the family records to secure, this Anderson record has been the hardest of all, in the seventeen family records I have written. About one line of her ancestry covers all the record I have found upon which I can base any research.

That one line is a tradition left in the family from our Thomas Anderson, who said, "My folks are from Indiana." We do not know where our Thomas was born or who were his parents, his brothers or sisters, or where a single soul lived, except for that one statement.

With this clue, we are still at work, and hope to be able to prove beyond a doubt, that the following record is our Anderson line. In fact we feel so secure, that we are making it a part of this record

The Eiler family is a fair sample of the neglect of talking the family history among ourselves, so that it may be preserved for posterity. No one of these five boys ever remembers of hearing the name of their grandmother spoken of, on their father's side, namely Catherine Boon, nor scarcely any other phase of family history on either side, when every opportunity was open all their lives, even when they were grown to manhood.

A FIVE MINUTE talk and copying such a record would have given an outline upon which to base a splendid line for research, that would have revealed the entire history. But with this one line, I am able to present the following; awaiting official records here and there to absolutely prove the lineage.

Fortunately we have this one line, corroborated in a "History of Shelby Co.," written in 1891 where our relative, known as Uncle John Warren, who had married Minerva A. Anderson, a sister to our grandmother, Mary Ann (Anderson) Eiler, have a biography of himself and wife entered, and in it, it says: "My wife is thedaughter of Thomas Anderson and his wife, Delilah (Scothorn) Anderson, the former from Indiana, the latter from Virginia." Then a further corroboration I have found in an Anderson family who were very early settlers in Fairfield County, Ohio, moving from Virginia

In a book published entitled "The Life and Letters of Judge Thomas J. Anderson, of Fairfield Co., Ohio," in which is a very good genealogy of the family, he mentions one John Anderson, and says the usual ONE LINE, as follows: "John Anderson, the son of Thomas, married, had a large family and settled in Southern Indiana." So for three times we have this Indiana statement.

I have made a search of the official records of both Pickaway and Fairfield Counties, Ohio, and nothing interesting about our Thomas, only the record of his marriage as follows: "I do hereby certify that on the 26th day of February, 1819, I solemnized the marriage of Thomas Anderson and "Dilly" Scothorn. Signed by Jacob Rush, J. P. (Dilly is nickname for Delilah.) (This was in Fairfield County, Ohio.)

Then from the Auditor of the State of Ohio I have this official record of the entry of land by our Thomas Anderson, and this is fine, for it gives us a date showing that he was a resident there sometime previous to his marriage. The record reads as follows: "Thomas Anderson entered the SE¼ of Sec. 21, Township 15, Range 18, August 7, 1810, in Fairfield Co., O.

That is also proof of the age of our Thomas, which has been preserved in some way, as born Jan. 1, 1789, so he was 21 years, 7 months and 9 days old at the time of this entry. Remember, this is nine years before his marriage.

Now for the records of the Judge Anderson book. It starts out with a William Anderson, born in Scotland in 1693, and coming to the region of the Shenandoah valley at the junction of the north and south branches of the Potomac river, where he entered a large tract of land, which was afterwards known as "Anderson Bottoms," to this day, located in what is now Hampshire Co., W. Va.

Here he married in 1732 and records show four children, Thomas, born 1733, Agnes, Sarah and John. The line that appears our is through Thomas.

Thomas was born in Hampshire County, Va. (Now West Virginia since 1863). Married there to Miss Mary Bruce and to them were born ten children, and something is said about each one. The most important record is about a James, born in 1768, and he is the father of the "Judge Thomas Anderson" of the book above mentioned.

Then another son named John, but no record except "that ONE LINE, given above which I repeat." John, the son of Thomas, born in 1735, married, had a large family and moved to southern Indiana. We have found this move was made between 1810 and 1815.

Now the two items that impress me very favorably are, first, the probable date of birth or this John, who could be the father of our Thomas, and then the many familiar names in BOTH families.

Now in my work of genealogy, I find that this familiarity of family names is good evidence of family relationship.

Notice here the family record of our Thomas and Delilah his wife, who were the parents of 7 children, Mary Ann, born Feb. 21, 1820; Minerva Ann, born Feb. 29, 1822, Elizabeth Ann, born Nov. 21, 1826; Thomas Tallman, born Jan. 18, 1828; Sarah, born June 18, 1831 (died infant); Asa Trone, born June 18, 1832; William John, born Aug. 15, 1835.

Now then, every one of these names appear in this Virginia Anderson family, except that of Asa. (I have two other records with the name of Asa and they may connect up on another manner, one family right in adjoining Hampshire Co., Virginia).

Now the next item of importance we find in this Anderson book is, that in 1806 this Thomas (born 1733 and probable father of our John, and probable grandfather of our Thomas) moved from Virginiia to Fairfield County, Ohio, and, as the book says, they arrived in April, and that Thomas, who was 73 years of age, died the following October, and is BURIED IN FAIRFIELD CO., O. (Hope we can find the grave).

Now, here is another corroborative item about John, for a brother of this Judge Thomas Anderson of the Book, also named John, he wrote in 1886 a short sketch of the Anderson family and ALSO gave the usual ONE LINE to our probable John, and says: "My uncle John (our John) removed from Virginia when I was a mere boy, for sounthern Indiana." Now this nephew John was born in 1803,

Now here is a personal opinion, and you can take it for what it is worth, so 1810 and probably later would be the time for our John to move to Indiana.

I believe [illegible] Thomas came direct to Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1806 with his grandfather Thomas (born 1733) and his several uncles and aunts. You see, he was 17 years of age in 1806 and as all accounts say, his supposed father John had a large family, I can readily see that a young man seventeen years of age would be enthused to go to a new country to make his start.

There is not a word anywhere to say that our Thomas ever was in Indiana, but that statement our Thomas has left, sticks in me, "MY FOLKS ARE IN INDIANA."

The question has been with me for months, WHAT COUNTY in Indiana was it that our supposed ancestor John moved to and lived and raised his family, and of course died and buried in?

Then where, and what, has ever become of the descendents of ALL those children of that BIG family of our supposed John, that is a query. I have over 100 Anderson records in Indiana and Ohio and elsewhere, trying to connect them up with our supposed John, but have so far failed.

Then I have had searched about fifteen counties in southern Indiana for records of wills of a John Anderson, but no luck so far. I am still doing this with more counties and some day will run across the right one.

I have one record of a John Anderson who I believe is a brother to our Thomas, and his name was John, and he died in Clinton County, Ind., in 1841, and left a family with similar names. I am keeping watch on this line.

I hope we can eventually connect properly up with this Judge Anderson Book line, for this Thomas, born 1733, was a Revolutionary soldier, and I have his record and other records of his and the entire family that is very interesting.

Another word about our Thomas, as you perhaps noted that he died in the prime of life, only 47 years old. I have often wondered if any tradition ever came down in the family as to the cause of his death, but no doubt he was a victim to those many pioneer diseases common to early settlers, such as milk-sick, cholera, or cholera morbus, or typhoid. Beg to say that our uncle, Asa Eiler, and a cousin, Miss Jennie Dunn, of Amanda, Ohio, have tried to locate his grave along with the other graves of our ancestors there, but nothing found to date. One rumor has it that our Thomas was buried on the banks of the river and that many years ago the old time graveyard was washed away.

It may be of interest here to give a brief record of each of the children of our Thomas:

First, was our grandmother, Mary Ann, whose record is given. Second, was Minerva Ann, born Feb. 29, 1822, and died in Tower Hill, April 7, 1880. She was united in marriage to John R. Warren in Ohio, Sept 21, 1843. Pickaway County. There were no children by this marriage. Third, Elizabeth Ann, born Nov. 21, 1825, and died May 10, 1897 She was married twice, first to Samuel Dum and second to her brother-in-law, John R. Warren, where she was living in Tower Hill when she died and was taken back to to Ohio for burial. Fourth, Thomas Tallman, born Jan. 18, 1828, and early in life went to California during the discovery of gold; married there and raised a family, some are still living at this date. He died Sept. 23, 1887. . Fifth, Sarah, born June 18, 1831, died Jan. 15, 1832. Sixth, Asa Trone, born June 18, 1832; died Dec. 16, 1914. His descendents still live in Pickaway and Fairfield Counties, Ohio. Seventh, William John, born Aug. 15, 1835, and died near Tower Hill Oct. 20, 1914. He was well known to the writer, also members of his family, who still live in and near Tower Hill, Ill. W. J. married Miss Polly Jester Jan. 14, 1858. To them were born six children, two dying in infancy, the other four are, Mrs. Larinda Shanks, Mrs. Allen Rider, and Cora and William, Jr.

We are pleased to give this brief record, and some day when all the records are complete, we shall write the full record with our compliments to the family.

We have spent time and money, but feel we have done our duty in leaving to posterity a record of the family, of which we are proud to know is clean one.

Respectfully,

Topeka, Kansas, 1929. HOMER EILER.

Here Follows a Record of Each of the Seven Children of Thomas and Delilah (Scothorn) Anderson.

RECORD OF MARY ANN (ANDERSON) EILER

MARY ANN (ANDERSON) EILER the first child of Thomas and Delilah his wife was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, on Feb. 21, 1820.

She was left fatherless at the age of sixteen, this calamity adding to her duties as the oldest child, because of six others the least one, William John, being only two years of age.

The full complete record of this, my grandmother, is found in the record of her husband, Conrad Eiler whom she married in Pickaway county, Ohio, on Aug. 26th, 1841.

One of the most pleasant memories of my life is the fact that I was born and raised in the same town where all four of my grandparents lived, and especially do I remember so well my grandmother Eiler.

She was a typical pioneer, born and raised amid crude pioneer surroundings. She was of a very gentle and quiet disposition and it has only been since writing this record that we have discovered the why of these characteristics, when we have found that her ancestory through her mother, Delilah (Scothorn) Anderson, was for nearly ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS of that noble QUAKER FAITH.

She rightly earned and enjoyed the last fifteen years of her life in the quiet surroundings of her home in Tower Hill, where she died on June 26, 1895, and is buried beside her husband and oldest son, William Eiler, in the Tower Hill, Illinois cemetery, there to await the Resurrection morn.

RECORD OF MINERVA ANN (ANDERSON) WARREN

MINERVA ANN (ANDERSON) WARREN the second child of Thomas Anderson and wife Delilah was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, Feb. 29, 1822. Was married to John R. Warren there on Sept. 21, 1843. They removed to Illinois at same time as sister of Mrs. Warren. Mrs. Conrad Eiler, both settling about two miles southwest of Tower Hill, Illinoiis, in what was afterwards known as the "Eiler Community."

We wish to record here that the widowed mother of this Anderson family. Delilah (Scothorn) Anderson the wife of Thomas, came with her two daughters, in this year of 1849 bringing with her, her last child named William John who was about 14 years of age. Here Delilah lived the remainder of her life, dying at the home of her daughter Mrs. Minerva Warren in 1860 on Oct 22nd and is buried in Eiler graveyard nearby.

Minerva Warren and husband lived at this same place all their lives where she died on April 7th 1880 and is buried in Eiler graveyard. located near by. Her husband only survived her there being no children.

(The writer begs to say that as a boy of 12 years of age he remembers very distinctly the day of this funeral, as it snowed one of those late April snows, and they hauled the body to the graveyard on a sled. H. E.)

RECORD OF ELIZABETH ANN (ANDERSON) DUM

(3) ELIZABETH ANN (ANDERSON) DUM was the third child of Thomas Anderson and Delilah (Scothorn) his wife, and born in Fairfield County. Ohio, on Nov. 21, 1825. She was married to Samuel Dum in Fairfield County, Amanda Township, Ohio, on Feb. 12, 1846.

To them were born nine children as follows: Israel, Thomas Tallman. Effie, James, Samuel E., William J., Homer J., David, Minnie E. Record of each follows:

(1) ISRAEL DUM, the first child of Elizabeth and Samuel, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, Nov. 19, 1846. He was married to Maria Whitsel of Tarlton, Ohio, on Nov. 18, 1869. She was born March 19. 1839. and died April 7, 1919 age 80 years.

Israel Dum died in Fulton, Ky., April 14, 1926 and is buried in Fairview Cemetery there. To Israel and wife were born eight children as follows: Homer, George, Louise, (No record of any other names and it appears that the balance died in infancy.) Record of these three follows:

(1) HOMER DUM. first son of Israel DUM and wife. born in Amanda, Ohio, Jan. 21. 1876. Married to Charlotte Lyman of Topeka, Kansas. Dec. —— 1905. To them were born seven children as follows: (1) George Lyman, born Sept. 19, 1906. (2) Samuel Homer born March 19. 1908. (3) Frank Bryan born Sept 7. 1909. (4) Emma Genevieve. born July 22. 1911. (5) Mary Alice, born Aug. 15. 1913, (6) Paul Bronson. born June 14, 1915, died Dec. 28. 1920. (7) Marcella Louise, born Dec. 23, 1920. Present address of family is Downer's Grove, 78 Saratoga Ave., Chicago, Ill.

(2) GEORGE DUM. 2nd child of Israel Dum and wife was born Oct 16, 1878 at Amanda, Ohio. Married Allamae Beasley of Fulton, Ky., May 18. 1904. To them were born three children as follows: (1) Lucile Maria, born Oct. 2. 1907. (2) Marjorie Charlotte, born Feb. 10. 1909. (3) Frances Allamae born March 24, 1911. Present address of family is Columbus. Ohio, 2662 Summit St.

(3) LOUISE (DUM) MATHEWS, the daughter of Israel Dum and wife. was born in Amanda. Ohio. on June 20. 1884. Married to Robert S. Matthews on Nov. 2, 1903. To them were born three children as follows:

(1) Mary Whitsell Matthews, born Sept. 8, 1907. She was married to Paul A. Roper in Fulton, Ky. Jan. 23, 1929. (2) Ethel Mae Matthews, born March 1, 1910. (3) Robert Dum Matthews born Oct. 5, 1912. Present address of family is Fulton, Kentucky.

(As stated it appears that the balance of the children of Israel and wife died as infants, or at present no records to give.)

(2) THOMAS TALLMAN DUM, second child of Elizabeth and Samuel Dum was born Dec. 18, 1847 in Fairfield County, town of Greencastle, Ohio. Married to Alice Sunderman April 16, 1872. To them were born six children as follows: The wife and mother was born Sept. 18, 1848 and is at this date (1929) alive in Amanda, Ohio. The husband-father Thomas, died Nov. 5, 1922. (It might be mentioned here that Asa A. Eiler of Tower Hill, Ill. married a sister to Alice Sunderman named Jennie Sunderman, and her record is found in the Eiler section.) Record of the children of Thomas and wife follows. (1) Wilkie Dum born March 3, 1873, near Amanda, Ohio, died there March 26, 1880. (2) Jennie Mary Virginia Dum born June 24, 1874 near Amanda, Ohio. Unmarried and at this date (1929) lives with her mother at the old home near Amanda. (3) John Henry Dum, born April 25, 1877 at Amanda, Ohio. Married to Mamie Mettler Nov. 27, 1907 and to them was born one child named John Lambert Dum born April 5, 1913 at Amanda, O., This is their present address. (4) Emma Elizabeth (Dum) Wernet, the 4th child of Thomas Tallman and wife was born near Amanda, Ohio, on Aug. 5, 1879. Was married to Edward J. Wernet of Canton, Ohio, June 9, 1916. No family. Address, Canton, Ohio, 402 Herbert Place. (5) Nellie (Dum) Christie, the 5th child of Thomas and wife, born near Amanda, Ohio, Sept 17, 1883. Married to Albert Christie on Feb. 25, 1915. There are no children to this marriage. Address is Amanda, O.

(6) Thomas Grover Dum, the 6th child of Thomas Tallman Dum and wife,, was born near Amanda, Ohio, on Sept. 2, 1885. Married to Nellie Edgar of Shelbyville, Ill., Aug. 12,1926. To them was born one child, named Thomas Edgar Dum, on Nov. 6, 1928 Address of family is Amanda, Ohio.

This ends the record of Thomas Tallman Dum.

(3) EFFIE (DUM) HEWETSON, the third child of Elizabeth (Anderson) Dum and her husband, was born April 5, 1849, in Fairfield Co., Ohio. Was married to Dr. Peter Hewetson in Fairfield Co., Ohio, on Oct. 17, 1867. Dr. Peter Hewetson was born in Scotland Oct. 26, 1832, and died in Amanda, Ohio, on June 3, 1916. The widow, Effie, at this date (1929) is alive in Amanda, Ohio, To this union were born five children as follows:

(1) Minnie Hewetson, the oldest child of Effie (Dum) Hewetson, was born in Amanda, O., on Sept. 8, 1868. Unmarried, and at this date lives with her mother in Amanda, Ohio.

(2) Mary Belle Hewetson, the (Dum) Hewetson, was second child of Effie born Feb. 1, 1871. Unmarried, and at this date (1929) lives at home in Amanda, Ohio, with her mother.

(3) Dr. Joe E. Hewetson, the third child of Effie Hewetson, born in Amanda, Ohio, Dec. 28, 1872. Married to Mary Greiner on March 28, 1908. To them was born one child, named Jeannette Hewetson, on March 18, 1909, who at this date (1929) lives with her widowed mother at 163 Chittenden Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Joe. Hewetson, the husband-father, died June 12, 1927.

(4) William Hewetson, the fourth child of Effie and husband, Dr. Peter Hewetson, born Sept. 30, 1874, in Amanda, Ohio. Married Nora Nigh on Nov. 10, 1897. To them one child was born, named Joseph P. Hewetson, on June 7, 1898. He (Joseph P. Hewetson) was married to Laura Von Gerichton in Columbus, O., on Jan. 14, 1922. To them were born two children, as follows: (a) Laura Kath-

arine, born in Columbus, O., Jan. 23, 1923. (b) William Ludwig Hewetson, born in Munich, Germany, April 23, 1925. Present address of Joseph and Laura Hewetson is, 201 N. 7th Street, Martins Ferry, Ohio. Present address of William Hewetson and wife is, 149 Chittenden Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

(5) Helen Parker Hewetson, the fifth child of Effie and husband, Dr. Peter Hewetson, born March 4, 1890, and died March 10, 1904.

This ends the record of Effie (Dum) Hewetson.

(4) JAMES DUM, the fourth child of Elizabeth (Anderson) Dum and husband, Samuel Dum, was born in the town of Greencastle, Fairfield Co., Ohio Jan. 28, 1851, and died infant March 14, 1852.

(5) SAMUEL E. DUM, the fifth child of Elizabeth (Anderson) and Samuel Dum, her husband, born in Fairfield Co., Ohio, Dec. 11, 1852. Left Fairfield County when about twenty years of age, for California. No report as to any family, or his whereabouts.

(6) WILLIAM J. DUM, the 6th child of Elizabeth (Anderson) Dum, and husband, Samuel, was born in Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio, on Nov. 21, 1854. Married to Fannie Spickler on Oct. 26, 1889. To them was born one son, named Samuel, dying in infancy. Address of William Dum and wife is Lancaster, Ohio.

(7) HOMER J. DUM, the 7th child of Elizabeth (Anderson) Dum and husband, Samuel, was born April 3, 1857, in Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio. Married to Margaret Warner Feb. 4, 1879. She born Feb. 4, 1860. Present address of Homer Dum and wife is Columbus, Ohio, 34 May Ave. To Homer Dum and wife were born six children (I am informed that Homer Dum spells his name Dumm, and am sorry to know this, as such changing of names causes untold trouble and embarrassment for future posterity. I am speaking from experience in searching thousands of records during the past few years.)

Following is the record of the children of Homer Dum and wife:

(1) CARL DUM, the oldest child of Homer Dum and wife, born Dec. 15, 1879, in Amanda, Ohio. Died Aug. 27, 1886.

(2) OSCAR DUM, the second child of Homer Dum and wife, born Jan. 12, 1881, in Amanda, Ohio. Died Nov. 18, 1885.

(3) ETHEL (DUM) DUBBLE, the third child of Homer Dum and wife, born March 21, 1884, in Amanda, Ohio. Married to Herman Dubble of Columbus, O. (No date). Present address of Ethel (Dum) Dubble and family is Columbbus, O., at 621 Harrison Ave. To them were born three children, as follows:

(a) Roger Dum Dubble, born March 16, 1913. (b) Sylvia Margaret, born on Dec. 8, 1915. (c) Joan Louise, born May 26, 1925. Address: Columbus, Ohio

(4) TRAFFORD DUM, the fourth child of Homer Dum and wife, born Aug. 26, 1886, in Amanda, Ohio Married to Bertha Innis of Columbus, O. (No date.) To them were born four children, as follows: (a) Theresa, born April 6, 1911. (b) John, born Dec. 9, 1912. (c) Paul, born June 12, 1915. (d) Helen, born Nov. 2, 1919. Present address Trafford and family is, Columbus, O., 1690 Gennessee.

(5) LESTER DUM, the fifth child of Homer Dum and wife, was born Feb. 16, 1896 in Columbus, O. Married to Ozzela Smith Nov. 18, 1917. They have one child by adoption, named Harold Dum, age 8 years. Address of family is Columbus, Ohio, 185 Dakota Ave.

(6) WARNER DUM, the sixth child of Homer Dum and wife, born Oct. —, 1898, in Columbus, O. Married Amanda A. Huffman on June 14, 1924. No family. Their address is, Blenheim Road, Columbus, Ohio.

(8) DAVID DUM, the eighth child of Elizabeth (Anderson) Dum and her husband, Samuel Dum, was born in Logan, Hocking Co., O., on July 26, 1859, and died infant Aug. 18, 1859.

(9) MINNIE E. DUM, the ninth child of Elizabeth and husband, Samuel Dum, born in in Amanda, Ohio, March 6, 1864; died March 14, 1865.

Samuel Dum, the husband of Elizabeth (Anderson) Dum, was born in Reading, Berks Co., Pa., Sept. 30, 1821, and died Nov. 8, 1877, and is buried in Amanda Twp. Cemetery, near Amanda, Ohio.

The widow, Elizabeth Dum, remained a widow until she married her brother-in-law by marriage, John R. Warren of Tower Hill, Ill, Feb. 23, 1882. (Mr. Warren had married Minerva Anderson, whose record is found in its respective place.) Elizabeth (Dum) Warren died at her home near Tower Hill, Ill., on May 19, 1897. Her body was carried back to her former Ohio home, and buried beside her first husband, Samuel Dum, in the Amanda Cemetery.

This end the record of Elizabeth (Anderson) (Dum) Warren.

RECORD OF THOMAS (TALLMAN OR TURNER) ANDERSON

Thomas T. Anderson the fourth child of Thomas and Delilah (Scothorn) Anderson was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, on Jan. 18, 1828, on the Anderson homestead where all the children were born.

We find that the father Thomas Anderson entered this land known as the homestead from the U. S. government, as per the official records of the Auditor of State of Ohio which reads "Thomas Anderson entered the SE ¼ of Sec 21, Twp 15, Range 18, Aug. 7th, 1810."

The reason I call it the 'old homestead', is because according to the records, it was in his name at the time of his death, in 1836.

I find that there seems to be a doubt as to the middle name of Thomas Anderson Jr., whether Tallman or Turner, and both can be right, because no doubt it was the intention to name him after his step-grandmother in this way.

The grandfather of this Thomas Jr. was our Lewis Scothorn, who for his second wife, married a Miss Tallman, and then after the death of Lewis, the widow married a Mr. Turner and lived to a great age, and was always known in that section of Fairfield county, Ohio as "Grandma Turner."

But on the whole of it I am very much inclined to think his middle name was Tallman, and shall so designate him.

At the age of eight years Thomas Tallman Anderson lost his father, and like pioneer homes in those days with several small children, he grew up without a father's training and admonition. He had a step-father, named Mr. Bolenbaugh, but again in a few years he was again left fatherless, and we soon find the Anderson home scattered.

His three older sisters, Mary (Eiler), Minerva (Warren), and Elizabeth (Dum), had married, and we have it from Mrs. Rose (Anderson) Parker, his daughter, in 1925, that her father, Thomas Tallman Anderson left Ohio about 1846 soon after the marriage of Elizabeth and joined a company bound for California.

I might mention here that in a year or more the mother Delilah (Scothorn) Anderson-Bolenbaugh, also left Ohio coming to Illinois, with her daughters Mary (Eiler) and Minerva (Warren) settling about three miles south-west of Tower Hill, Ill., where she died in 1870 and is buried in the Eiler graveyard, and a stone marks her grave, a picture of the same in front of this book.

Little is known of the young manhood life of Thomas T. Anderson, only he became a '49er in the gold fields of California, finally settling near Sacramento,

where he was married Nov 8, 1861 to Miss Katharine Leigh, a natiive of New Orleans, whose parents, like thousands of others were among the 49er class.

We find that the wife was born in 1846 and died shortly after the birth of her last child, March 11, 1878.

The records and family traditions show that Thomas, the husband-father, was very successful in his gold diggings, but later settled to the trade of carriage maker, following same until his death, which occurred in Sacramento, California, on Sept. 23, 1887, dying at the age of 59 yrs., 8 mos., 5 days.

To Thomas Tallman Anderson and wife Katherine, were born nine children as follows: (1) Delilah Jane, known as Lillie, (2) May Violet; (3) Rose Elizabeth; (3) Sarah Camelia; (5) Thomas Everett; (6) Katherine Veronica; (7) William Asa; (8) Mary Jessamine; (9) Grace Myrtle. A record of each follows.

Note that these girls are each named after California flowers.

(1) DELILAH JANE (ANDERSON) HASWELL, known as Lillie, was born August 8, 1862, in Sacramento where all the children were born. Was married to Edward Fenley Haswell, on July 10, 1880. He was born in Ohio. To them were born three children as follows, (a) Edson Glen born April 11, 1881 in Sacramento, unmarried. No further record given. (b) Ruth Edna born May 12, 1888 in Yountville, California, was married twice, first to Harry R. Hopps, Feb. 17, 1917. Second to Eugene F. Panario. Address Sacramento. No further records given. (c) Russel) Salem Haswell, born Feb. 9, 1890 in Rumsey, Calif. Was married twice, first to Jaunita Alexander, July 10, 1909. To them was born one child named Wesley Ray, born June 3, 1910 in Sacramento, California. The wife-mother died in 1916. Russell was married the second time to Violet Guthrie, on Nov. 19, 1918. No further record. Only address is Rumsey, California.

Address of Mrs. Delilah (Lillie) Haswell and husband is Rumsey, Calif.

(2) MAY VIOLET ANDERSON, second child of Thomas Tallman Anderson and wife Katharine was born June 7, 1864 and died July 19th, 1865.

(3) ROSE ELIZABETH (ANDERSON) PARKER the third child of Thomas Tallman Anderson and wife, Katharine was born in Sacramento, Cal., July 4, 1868. Married Theo DeVille Parker, Dec. 18, 1882. To them was born one child, Fred Gilbert Parker, born in Winters, Cal., March, 27, 1887 Married to Ruth E. Holcomb, on Sept. 13 1915. No further record of the family given except the death of Rose (Anderson) Parker the wife-mother on Aug. 5, 1926. Address of Gilbert Parker is Winters, California.

(4) SARAH CAMELIA ANDERSON, the fourth child of Thomas and wife, born Dec. 27, 1869. Died Jan. 29, 1892. No further record given.

(5) THOMAS EVERETT ANDERSON, fifth child of Thomas and wife, born Aug. 14, 1870. Record states, killed.

(6) KATHERINE VERONICA (ANDERSON) BRINCK, sixth child of Thomas and wife was born Aug. 22, 1873 in Sacramento; was married to Charles Brinck of Alsaace on Feb. 24, 1892. To them was born one child named Millicent, born in Winters, Californa on Dec. 18, 1892. She was married to E. R. Thurber of Vacaville, Cal. No further records, only address is Winters, Cal. The wife-mother, Katehrine Brinck, died Jan. 24, 1895. The husband-father Charles Brinck died in 1896.

(7) WILLIAM ASA ANDERSON, seventh child of Thomas, and wife was born Aug. 6, 1875 in Sacramento, Cal. Was married twice, first to Ella Armstrong, whose birth was in Reno, Nevada. Said marriage on Dec. 23, 1903. To them were born two children as follows, (a) Willetta, born in Woodland, Cal., on June 30, 1906; unmarried. (b) George Clark Anderson born in Woodland, Cal., on Dec. 13, 1910. No further record.

The wife Ella (Armstrong) Anderson died Oct. 18, 1916 William A. Anderson was married the second time to Annabel Troop of Michigan on Sept. 16, 1920.

The Anderson family point with a great deal of pride and satisfaction to the personal achievements of William Asa Anderson, who was left without father and mother at a very early age in life, and who has successfully attained an enviable position as Judge of the Superior Court of Yolo county, Cal., which position he has held since Nov. 6, 1914. His address is Woodland, Calif.

(8) MARY JESSAMINE ANDERSON, eighth child of Thomas and wife Katherine, was born in Sacramento, on Jan. 10, 1879, and died July 22 1891.

(9) GRACE MYRTLE ANDERSON, ninth child of Thomas and wife was born Feb. 7, 1878, and died as infant, Jan. 27, 1879.

From the records furnished it appears that the mother died very shortly after the birth of this child.

INCIDENT IN LIFE OF THOMAS T. ANDERSON

A remarkable incident is treasured in the family of Thomas T. Anderson, that reads like a fictional story, but true nevertheless.

It appears that during the days of the exciting gold diggings of the 49ers, of which Thomas Anderson was one in California,that as usual epidemics of sickness generally infested these camps, and sometimes with severe fatalities.

During one of these calamities, the entire camp seemed to be affected and with great losses by death. During a trip of the burial squad in picking up the dead, and hauling them off to a burial trench, like so many animals, this Thomas Anderson was pitched into the wagon, and started on what was supposed to be his last ride.

However, when they were unloading these carcasses, preparatory to burial they, in dragging him out of the rear end of the wagon and with olt much respect or ceremony, his head bumped along over the rough boards of the wagon box and especially the ridges of the endgate, it seemed to stir up a consciousness in him.

This was noticed by those in charge in time to lay him aside for further examination. He was taken back to camp for another chance and by such pioneer treatment as they had in camp, was finally restored to life and health. Such was the harrowing experience of Thomas Anderson.

We are glad to record this for future generations, that they may get a glimpse of what real rugged pioneer life meant in the days of the 49ers.

RECORD OF SARAH ANDERSON

SARAH ANDERSON the fifth child of Thomas and Delilah, born June 18, 1831 died infant, Jan. 15, 1832.

End of record of Thomas T. Anderson.

RECORD OF ASA TRONE ANDERSON

ASA TRONE ANDERSON, the sixth child of Thomas Anderson and wife, Delilah, was born at the old homestead of Thomas Anderson, where all the children were born, on June 18, 1832. This was in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, O., and here in the near vicinity Asa Anderson married, lived and died, his death taking place on Dec. 16, 1914.

He was married to Anne Fitzpatrick on Dec 9, 1852. To them were born five children as follows, Delilah, Charles, George, Lucy and Anne. Record of each follows:

(1) DELILAH (ANDERSON) EATON, the oldest child of Asa Anderson and wife, Anne, was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, on July 13, 1855 She was married to a Mr. Eaton on.....? To them were born nine children. The wife-mother died Feb. 23, 1924. Record of the nine children follows:

(a) Asa Eaton, born April 24, 1881, and died April 1, 1897 (b) Glenn Eaton, born Feb. 3, 1883. No further record furnished, but address as Fostoria, Ohio. (c) Mary Eaton, born Sept. 10, 1884. Record given as single and at present is a teacher in a Methodist institution in Rome, Italy. (d) Anna Eaton, born March 3, 1886. Married H. W. Plum Sept. 26, 1912. To them were born three sons, named Charles, Ned and Dick. Present address of family given as Circleville, Ohio.

(e) Alice Eaton, born March 12, 1889. Married to Neil Walker June 20, 1920. No further record give, only address is Chilicothe, Ohio. (f) Charlotte Eaton, born Nov. 14, 1892. Married to Charles Owens Dec. 25, 1920. To them were born three children, as follows: Robert in July, 1921: Mary Ruth in July, 1924, and Thyrza Ann in August, 1926. No address given.

(g and h) Katharine and Margaret Eaton (twins), born June 19, 1896. Margaret died Feb. 5, 1897. Address of Katharine is Columbus, Ohio. And no further record. (i) Thyrza Eaton, the last child of Delilah (Anderson) Eaton and husband, was born Aug. 14, 1900, and only record furnished is address at Columbus, Ohio.

(2) CHARLES ANDERSON, the second child of Asa Trone Anderson and wife, Anne, born Sept. 20, 1858. Died June 18, 1917. He was married in 1886 and three children, recorded as follows: Charles, now of Columbus, Ohio, Ada, now of Urbana, Ohio, and Earle of Dayton, Ohio. (I regret very much that a more complete record was not furnished. H. E.)

(3) GEORGE ANDERSON, third child of Asa Anderson and wife, born Oct. 18, 1859, was married in July, 1889, and two sons to this union: (a) Asa Anderson, born Sept. 16, 1890. Was married in July, 1913, and four children to Asa and wife, as follows: Anne Mae, William, Clar Jean, and Leslie. Address of Asa and family is Youngstown, Ohio.

(b) Warren Anderson, the second son of George Anderson, only record given is that he was married on Nov. 11, 1916 and no family, and no address given.

The address of George Anderson is given as Circleville, Ohio.

(4) LUCY ANDERSON, the fourth child of Asa Trone Anderson, was born Oct. 15, 1861. Has remained unmarried and at present lives in Circleville, Ohio.

(5) ANNE (ANDERSON) LEIST, the fifth child of Asa Trone Anderson and wife, was born April 28, 1864. Married Simon P. Leist in Nov. 1927. Present address, Amanda, Ohio, Rural Route No. 3.

This ends the record of Asa Trone Anderson.

RECORD OF WILLIAM JOHN ANDERSON

WILLIAM JOHN ANDERSON, the seventh and last child of Thomas Anderson, and wife Delilah (Scothorn) Anderson, was born August 15, 1835 in Fairfield County, Ohio. His father died when he was about fifteen months of age, so he grew up without knowing a father's love and guidance.

His mother Delilah was re-married to a Mr. Belenbaugh in 1839, but the hand of Death removed the step-father in a few years, so fate dealt a second blow at the youthful boy.

In 1849 at the age of 14 years he with his mother Delilah came with other relatives from Ohio to the settlement southwest of Tower Hill, Ills. where he later married, lived and died.

The members of this Ohio party of Immigrants were, his sister Mary Ann (Anderson) Eiler, the wife of Conrad Eiler, and another sister Minerva Ann (Anderson) Warren, the wife of John R. Warren with whom he and his mother made their home.

W. J. Anderson was married to Polly Jester of the Eiler community, on January 14, 1857. The Jester family were natives of Pickaway County, O. Polly was born there on February 2, 1836. She died on the old homestead where she had raised her family in this Eiler settlement, on Jan 22, 1903 and is buried in the Pana Cemeter beside her husband W. J. Anderson who died October 20, 1914.

To W. J. Anderson and wife Polly were born six children as follows: (1) Larinda, (2) Delilah, (3) Cora, (4) William S., and two children dying in infancy. All four of these are now (1929) alive and their records given here.

LARINDA (ANDERSON) SHANKS. The first child of W. J. Anderson and wife Polly, was born April 5, 1858 on the Anderson homestead as noted. Raised in the community. Was married to Will Shanks near Tower Hill, Ill. on August 25, 1881.

To them were born six children as follows. Gertie, Effie, Lena, Lottie, Bertha, and Irma. Record of each follows.

(1) GERTIE SHANKS, born and died in infancy July 18, 1882.

(2) EFFIE (SHANKS) CULLEN. The second child of Will Shanks and Larinda his wife, was born near Tower Hill, Illinois, July 25, 1883. Married to Charles Cullen on May 1, 1906. No family. Present address Donnellson, Ill.

(3) LENA (SHANKS) HARRISON, the third child, was born Feb. 14, 1886 near Tower Hill, Ill. Married to William Harrison Dec. 28, 1906. To them were born six children as follows. (1) Dallas Lamarre, born July 13, 1907, died July 29, 1907. (2) Nelda Genevieve born June 25, 1908. (3) Laurel Everett, born Mar. 18, 1911. (4) Naomi Louise born Nov. 29, 1915. (5) Alice Maxine born Aug. 5, 1919. (6) Marvis Eugene, born Aug. 5, 1927. The husband-father, William, died. The widow Lena with the family now (1929) lives at Coffeen, Ill.

(4) LOTTIE (SHANKS) McBRIDE, the fourth child of Will and Larinda Shanks, born near Tower Hill, Ill., Feb. 21, 1888. Married to William J. McBride September 10, 1907.

To them was born one child named Doris Lavonne, born Oct. 26, 1908. No reason given but it appears Lottie was re-married to a Mr. DeWitt Thomas Nov. 27, 1912, and to them were born 3 children as follows. (1) William Gerald born Feb. 27, 1914. (2) Norman Clark Thomas, born April 12, 1916. (3) Hilda Rowene born July 23, 1918. Present address of Lottie and family is Pana, Ill.

(5) BERTHA (SHANKS) THOMAS, the fifth child of Will and Larinda Shanks, born near Tower Hill, Ill., Feb. 15, 1893. Married to Claud Thomas Dec. 15, 1911. To them was born one child, named Zoe Lorrene born Aug. 21, 1913. The husband-father Claud died Dec. 20, 1915. The widow Bertha lives at Pana, Ill.

(6) IRMA (SHANKS) McNEESE, the sixth child of Will and Larinda Shanks, born Dec. 11, 1897 near Tower Hill, Ill. Married to John McNeese April 12, 1915. To them were born three children. (1) Charles Dallas born Feb. 7, 1916. (2) Max William born Jan. 1, 1920. (3) Jack Rowland born Feb. 26, 1926. Address of the family is Pana Ill.

Will Shanks and wife Larinda now (1929) reside at Tower Hill, Ill.

(2) DELILAH (ANDERSON) RIDER. The second living child of W. J. Anderson and Polly his wife, was born on the old homestead in the Eiler community, near Tower Hill, Ill. on Aug. 15, 1869. Was married to Allen H. Rider on March 23, 1902. To them were born four children as follows:

LOLO (RIDER) ELLEGOOD. Oldest child of Allen H. Rider and wife Delilah, born Feb. 19, 1903. Married to Virgil Ellegood June 20, 1920, and to them were born 4 children as follows: (a) Janice Marie Ellegood born May 2, 1921. (b) Virgil Junior Ellegood, born March 15, 1924. (c) William Allen Ellegood born Jan. 10, 1926. (d) Lois Maxine Ellegood, born Sept. 24, 1927.

Present address of the family of Viril Ellegood is 2513 N. Main St., Decatur, Illinois.

(2) VESTA ALICE RIDER, the second child of Allen H. Rider and wife Delilah, born Oct. 6, 1904. No other record given.

(3) EARL ANDERSON RIDER, the third child of Allen H. Rider and wife Delilah born June 25, 1907. Married to Gladys Skates Dec. 22, 1928 Present address given as 910 East 2nd St. Pana, Ill.

(4) MAXWELL ORAN RIDER, the 4th child of Allen H. Rider and wife Delilah, born March 10, 1912. Died Aug. 3, 1913.

The husband-father Allen H Rider died Sept. 18, 1912. Present address of the widow Delilah Rider is 910 East 2nd Pana, Ill.

(Pleased to note that in all the Anderson history, this is the only instance where the name Delilah, the name of our ancestress Delilah (Scothorn) Anderson, has been preserved. H. E.)

(3) CORA ANDERSON, the 3rd living child of W. J. Anderson and wife Polly was born on the old homestead, on Aug 31 1872. She never married and at present (1929) lives near Tower Hill, Ill.

(4) WILLIAM S. ANDERSON, the 4th living child of W. J. Anderson and wife Polly, was born on the old homesead, on Feb. 20th, 1876. Married to Grace Watkins, on June 28, 1902. No family record given so take it there is none. Present address is 2104 Edward St. Decatur, Ill.

As stated in the beginning, there were six children of W. J. Anderson and wife, two dying in infancy and the above is the record of the living four.

Pleased to record that Willam J. Anderson was a soldier in the Civil War, being a member of Co. H 116th infantry, of Illinois, serving three years marched with Sherman to the Sea, and from there onto Washington D. C. and in the Grand Parade.

(The writer is pleased to note the two Anderson family names, of William and John as given to this record W. J. and I find they are traced in the Anderson record that I am including in this book back for many generations. In fact it is another link in the tradition, that connects us with the Anderson record as here given. H. E.)

This ends the record of William John Anderson.

RECORD OF THE SCOTHORN FAMILY HERE FOLLOWS

FRIENDS' MEETING-HOUSE AT MERION PENNSYLVANIA.

We are pleased to secure the above picture of the "Friends Meeting House" in Merion Township, Chester county, Pa.. This was taken from a history of the Friends Society in Chester county, Pa., written over fifty years ago, and the building was then standing, being over 150 years old, and may be standing today. Here is where OUR Robert Scothorn, the ancestor of the Scothorn family, worshipper, and NO DOUBT, was married in 1692 to Mary Gibson.

And as he died there in 1708, in all probability his funeral took place from this sacred building. This is a historic spot to his descendents.

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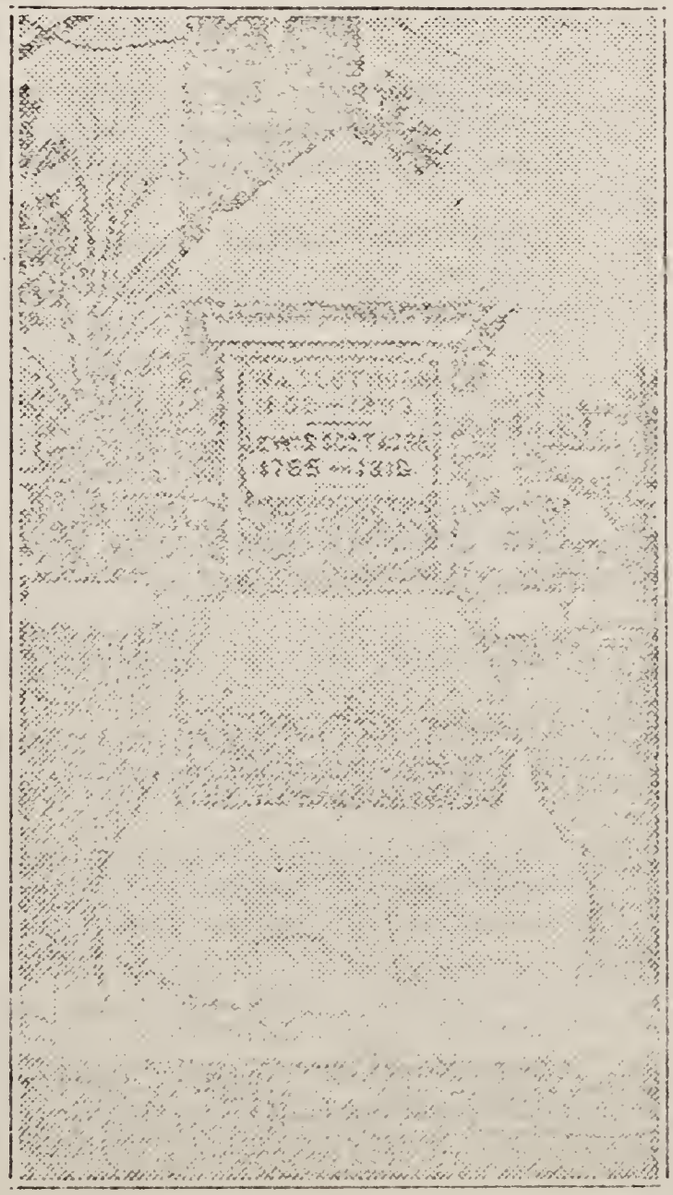
The above is the picture of the grave of OUR Lewis Scothorn, the ancestor of the Scothorn descendents originating in Pickaway county, Ohio.

He was the son of Lewis Scothorn Sr. and was born in Chester county, Pa., in 1765. Joined the great immigration soon after the Revolutionary War, to the "Greenbrier Country" the region known today as Greenbrier county in West Va., when then comprised a great scope of country. The particular county later where he settled is known today as Monroe county West Virginia..

Here he married and later moved to Pickaway county where he died in 1816 and is buried in Reber Hill cemetery near Amanda, Ohio.



HISTORY OF THE SCOTHORN FAMILY

Those who belong to the Anderson family as mentioned in this booklet, also belong to the Scothorn family, through Delilah (Scothorn) Anderson, the wife of our Thomas Anderson.

The first record we have of this family is, of a Robert Scothorn who was born in Oxton, England, Northumberland, in Nottinghamshire He came to the William Penn Quaker colony in 1684 and settled near Philadelphia about twenty miles south in Chester county, on what was then known as Upper Darby Creek settlement, but later as Merion Township.

Here he was married, lived, died and buried near by in some "Friends" burying ground, in an unmarked grave because of the prohibition of that Society to such, as too much "show."

He was a strict Quaker, and I have many references concerning him, in several histories of that Society, such as serving on certain committees, and as a prominent member of the society in Merion Township.

Robert Scothorn was married Oct. 7, 1692 to Mary Gibbons, (sometimes spelled Gibbins), in Chester county, Pa.

She was the daughter of Henry Gibbons, who came in 1682, from Parividge Derbyshire England, and settled in Merion Township Chester Co., Pa. The wife's name was Helen as per official probate papers, and shows there were daughters only. This Henry Gibbons died there in 1701 and we find that Robert Scothorn, his son-in-law was made executor of the will.

The Gibbons family were prominent Quakers, also, in fact marriages were only among members of the Society, and that after a public announcement, running through a duration of time to allow one to make objections or even ask personal questions.

To Robert Scothorn and wife were born two sons named Nathan and Samuel. Unfortunately we have not been able so far to secure the dates of births of these two boys, but can give them the usual two years after marriage, and the same between, and so we have around 1694 and 1696, respectively.

The next event in the life of our Robert Scothorn is his death which occurred in 1708 as per the official Quaker records now on file in the Pa. State Historical Society, and here is where we have secured much of this record.

The exact date is given as Jan 8, 1708. We have a copy of his will as made on Jan. 7 1708, the day previous, and in this he mentions his wife, Mary, and the two sons, Nathan and Samuel. He left all his property to the wife with special instructions to the education of the two minor boys.

The next event is the re-marriage of the widow Mary to a Mr. Roger Ball, on Aug. 5, 1709.

So it appears that the two boys grew up with a step-father, and nothing more is known of them until their marriage in Chester county, Pa., as per the official records on file in Philadelphia.

The record of Samuel is that he married Ann Davis in Christ Church, Philadelphia on May 17, 1727, and of Nathan to Mary Lewis but the date is omitted. (We are still working to find the exact date, in fact still working to secure more detailed records of this family. H. E.)

Both settled in the near by community where they were born and raised, for the next we know is of their deaths, as both brothers died in the same year and only three days between them. The records show that Nathan died Jan 10 1730-1 and Samuel on Jan. 13, 1730-1, these dates are old time and the new time which was then taking place.

I can account for this co-incident of the two deaths so close, only from cholera or small-pox epidemics, which were of frequent occurrence, as the history of the colonies record.

Unfortunately we do not know of all the children of these two men, but of Nathan we find there were two, Lewis and Nathan Jr. So far we have not been able to secure the names of the children of Samuel.

Here is where the name of Lewis Scothorn begins in the family, and as you readily see, the name Lewis was the maiden name of the wife-mother. My own father, Lewis Eiler was named Lewis, because of this name being carried down through the ancestry even to this day.

An important find was made in the will of a John Lewis, a brother to our Mary (Lewis) Scothorn in that document, thus additional proof of her marriage.

The next item of importance is the re-marriage of Mary (Lewis) Scothorn, the wife of Nathan Scothorn, said marriage took place in Christ Church, Philadelphia, on January 23, 1734, to Thomas Phillips.

So another case of a step-father to the two boys Lewis and Nathan Junior. We have no record so far of the re-marriage of Ann (Davis) Scothorn, the wife of Samuel.

The next event in this particular family of Nathan and Mary is the record of the death of Thomas Phillips on April 28, 1755 and the record of his will, and in that document he mentions his wife, Mary (Scothorn) Phillips and also a step-son named Nathan Scothorn. Unfortunately he does not mention, the other son, Lewis Scothorn, OUR next in ancestral line, but we have what we are pleased a solution as follows:

From the history of Chester and Delaware Counties, Penn., we find that this Thomas Phillips, several years after his marriage, removed to what is now the State of Delaware, settling on what is Christiana Creek in Christiana Township, Newcastle Co, where he died.

As our Lewis was of age about the time of this removal, we infer that he (Lewis) had married and settled near the old homestead in Chester County, Pa., because the record of his life shows he lived and died there.

Later—Just discovered this important record since writing the above, found in Vol. "Record of Trinity Church, Wilmington, Del.," that Nathan Scothorn, Jr., was married there to Mary Thomas on Dec. 16, 1753. This explains that only Nathan Jr. went with his mother and step-father to Delaware; was living there when his step-father, Thomas Phillips, died there in 1755, and was one of the executors of the will.

(Remember that the north county of Delaware was a Quaker colony also.)

Unfortuniately we have not the fullest record record of OUR next in line, who is Lewis Jr., but we do know he was born in 1765, he being the son of Lewis Sr.

The Quaker records give the exact date of death of Lewis Sr. as Aug. 23, 1795 and that he was a carpenter and is buried in Merion Twp. in the Friend burial lot, no doubt in the family plat where his father, Nathan, and grandfather, Robert, are buried.

It is with pleasure that we were able to secure a picture of the Merion Friends Church, around which cluster so many historic events, which makes it a sacred shrine to the descendants of this day.

Our Lewis Jr., born 1765, grew up in Chester county and as a boy heard and talked about the stirring events of the Revolution, but as the Quaker rules were

so radically strict, forbidding its members from taking any part in warfare, we do not find any member of the Scothorn family taking any part in that struggle.

To satisfy myself I have a letter before me at this moment from the War Department at Washington, in which he writes under date of Feb. 15, 1927, "The sur-name Scothorn has not been found on the records, on file in my office, of soldiers from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Vargini, OR ANY OTHER STATE IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR."

I mention this because there is a tradition carried down in several branches of the Scothorn family that our ancestors served in the Revolutionary War.

Let me mention ONE startling fact in Quaker history which records, that when men were needed so badly, the drafting officers of the Government often took by force many Quakers and TIED GUNS to their body, but the men absolutely refused to use them, and later a compromise was made, whereby the Quakers contributed in money and great quantities of supplies.

We have scores of items about the various members of this Scothorn family in Pennsylvania, such as tax records, transfers of land, their mention in many Quaker meetings, also their names on official lists as eligible for military duty, but explained above as to any service

We wish it were possible to preserve all these findings, but financially impossible to record, hence only this brief history.

History of the colonies record that after the Revolutionary War, there was a great immigration westward to the regions beyond the Blue Ridge Mountains, all the way from Pennsylvania to South Carolina.

One particluar region was attracting, known as the "Greenbrier Country," that region lying on the westward slope of the Blue Riidge in what is now West Virginia.

The next we hear of our ancestor Lewis Scothorn is in this region, and the traditions have been carried down as it being Greenbrier County, in West Va. But that particular county took in several of the now adjoining counties, so we made a very fortunate find in locating exactly the very tract of land where our ancestor lived.

In a volume known as "Morton's History of Monroe County, West Va." we find that Lewis Scothorn purchased in 1797 from Joseph and Mary Higginbotham, 200 acres of land lying on Little Devil Creek, located about 15 miles east from the present county seat town of Monroe County, named Union. This is a very fortunate discovery as it fixes the exact place where OUR Delilah (Scothorn) Anderson was born on May 14, 1798.

Here it is supposed our Lewis was married to a Miss —— Bell, and at present are unable to give official date of marriage, but as we know the date of birth of the oldest child, that of Mary in 1794, we can fix that date around 1792. The next child was named Joseph and born March 4, 1796, and the third, as given, our Delliah, born May 14, 1798.

Following this date we are at a loss to fix actual events, but we next hear of our Lewis in Pickaway County, Ohio, around 1800, anl recorded the death of he wife.

Whether this occurred in West Virginia or in Pickaway County, Ohio, we can not say definitely, but, very soon after this we find our Lewis remarried to a Miss Tallman, and they are living in Walnut Township in Pickaway Co., Ohio, where eight children were born, six sons and two daughters.

It is at this point that we refer frequently to a printed booklet of the history of the Scothorn family, collected by two descendents, Messrs. Monroe Scothorn and

Stephen Miller, who in 1905 published a brief family record entitled: "History of the Scothorn family, 1805-1905."

I have read and re-read this record, and am satisfied that a good part of the early ancestral records is from traditions, as not in a single instance is reference made to any official record, or printed reference, but the family traditions are carried down and each time added to, until now, when it will not stand the slightest test. Remember I am referring to the EARLY ancestral records such statements as these show what I mean when one is writing a family record, namely, "Some time ? ? ? in the 17th Century, two brothers ? , ? exact date not known ? two brothers from Scotland, to Greenbrier country, name of one not known, but lived there awhile, and then went into another county and were never more heard from, and must have died there.? One brother named Lewis, remained there, married and two children were born there, etc. (omitted entirely). Delilah born May 14, 1798 and raised in Pickaway county, married there, and mother of seven children, living in same Township as the writer of this record.

Please remember, dear kinfolks, that I an not Censuring at all, but I do want the records so that they will stand the test of official records, and of official histories, and ALL Genealogists will tell you that the greatest hindrance to writing family records is traditions.

To all the kinfolks, I wish to say that I am still at work on gathering the exact facts as they are, and will eventually be able to prove EVERY statement, fact, date and place connected with our ancestors.

Right here I wish to make a statement to correct a wrong impression that some descendents have regarding the names, Turner and Tallman.

As stated—our Lewis Scothorn, after the death of his wife, (Miss Bell) then was married to a Miss Tallman. After the death of Lewis in 1816, the widow was married to a Mr. Turner, and—so many get confused in these three names—Bell, Tallman and Turner. This second wife, Miss Tallman lived to a great age and was known as "Grandma Turner."

It is with pleasure that we are able through the interest taken in family record, by Miss Jennie Dum of Amanda, Ohio, a Scothorn descendent, to present a picture of our ancestor Lewis Scothorn's grave in Reber Hill cemetery near Amanda Ohio. His first burial place was in an old graveyard on the Peters farm where many of the old pioneers were buried.

I will now take up the record of the children of Lewis Scothorn first, by his marriage to a Miss Bell, of which there were three children: Mary, Joseph, and Delilah, and then the eight children, by his second wife, Miss Tallman, as follows: Eliza, Sarah, John, Lewis, Charles, George, William and Samuel.

Here I refer very frequently to the booklet of Messrs Scothorn and Miller written in 1905 and above referred to, calling attention to errors in the EARLY ancestral records, but as to the records of the later generations in Ohio, of course these authors were familiar and their record is to be relied upon.

I am pleased to add considerable to these records.

RECORD OF MARY (SCOTHORN) CLAUR-MILLER

(1) MARY (SCOTHORN) CLAUR MILLER. It appears that she was the oldest child of our Lewis Scothorn and wife, being born in 1794 in the region known then as "Greenbrier Country" and called Greenbrier county, which took in several now adjoining counties, among them, Monroe County, West Virginia, which really was the exact birth place, but of course then Greenbrier County.

Mary was only six to eleven years old when her mother died, about 1800 to 1805. The authors of the booklets referred to, record that Mary was married twice. First to John Claur, to whom three children were born, two dying in infancy. The remaining one, a daughter, married Joshua Fridley. Her name not given, but recorded she died at the age of 29 years, on April 16, 1845 making her birth as 1816.

John Claur, the husband of Mary, died, and no dates given. Mary the widow re-married to Peter Miller, to whom eight children were born, four sons and four daughters, as follows: Joash, Nancy, Elizabeth, Stephen, Joseph, Mary and William; one dying in infancy.

(1) JOASH MILLER, appears to have been the eldest child of Mary and Peter Miller. He was born in 1822. Married a Miss Tallman, to whom were born three children. No further record given. Joash was a lawyer, lived for a while in Circleville, Ohio, later removing somewhere in the great West.

(2) NANCY (MILLER) COLE, the second child of Mary (Scothorn) Claur, the widow, and Peter Miller her husband, was born in 1824 in Pickaway county, Ohio. Married Shadrach Cole, at once moving to Nebraska where eight children were born to them. No further record given.

(3 ELIZABETH (MILLER) HINES the third child of Peter Miller and wife Mary was born in 1827. Married to Enoch Hines, and to them was born one son named Edward, and four daughters named Ella, Ida, Alma and Clara.

(4) STEPHEN MILLER, fourth child of Peter and Mary, was born in 1829, Married to Sarah Hines. No record given of the family, only states they lived in Circleville, Ohio.

(5) JOSEPH MILLER, the fifth child of Mary and Peter was born in 1832 in Pickaway county where all these children were born to Peter and Mary Miller He married Mahala Culp, and to them were born two children, a son named Henry and a daughter named Amelia

(6 MARY A. (MILLER) CLAUR the sixth child of Peter nd Mary, was born in 1835. Married to Adam Claur and soon afterward removed to Christian couny, Ill., settling later in Pana, Ill., where two children were born.

(The writer begs to state that in his early childhood he remembers very well this name as one who was in the hardware business in Pana, Ill., as I was born and raised in Tower Hill, a village six miles east of Pana.)

(7) WILLIAM H. MILLER the seventh child of Peter and Mary, was born in 1839. Married to a Miss Glick to whom were born three children. No further record. The record states that Peter Miller and wife Mary (Scothorn) Claur Miller are both buried near North Union Church in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio.

RECORD OF JOSEPH SCOTHORN

(2) JOSEPH SCOTHORN, the second child of our Lewis and wife, Miss Bell, was born March 4, 1796, where the other two children were born, namely, Mary and Delilah, in what was then Greenbrier Co, W. Va., but now Monroe Co. W. Va. He was raised in Pickaway county, Ohio. Married to Hannah Crum, Nov. 1 1819. She was born June 17, 1798 in Winchester Co., Va., and died in Pickaway Co., Ohio Sep. 16, 1877.

Joseph Scothorn died Sept. 30, 1864 aged 68 years. To them were born ten children, three of them dying in infancy, named Lewis, Sarah and Mary (Polly). The others were Thomas, Elizabeth, Monroe, Nancy, Eliza, Francis and Thornton. Records of these are given briefly: All born in Pickaway Co., Ohio.

THOMAS SCOTHORN, son of Joseph and Hannah, was born Aug. 1, 1820 and

and died March 24, 1848. Was married to Rebecca Pritchett, Dec. 7, 1842, to whom were born three children, two dying in infancy. The other, a daughter, became the wife of Henry B. Morris, and lived in Circleville, Ohio.

ELIZABETH (SCOTHORN) HOOVER, the daughter of Joseph and Hanah Scothorn was born March 16, 1824. She died Oct. 17, 1897. Was married to Jackson Hoover Dec. 7, 1843. . To them were born seven children as follows: Lewis C., Monroe, William F., Sophronia, Sarah, Nancy and one dying in infancy. No further record.

JAMES MONROE SCOTHORN, the son of Joseph and Hannah Scothorn, was born March 20, 1830. Date of death not recorded. Married to Margaret Morrison Feb. 12, 1852, and six children were born as follows: (a) Thomas J. died aged 7 years; (b) George W., married to Jennie Faust. (c) Ollie, born June 26, 1859, married to Peter Hoover, and two daughters born to them named Marie and Dorothy; (d) Lida, married Charles F. Brinker. (e) Emma married Jacob L. Hoover.

NANCY (SCOTHORN) PETERS, daughter of Joseph and Hannah his wife, was born April 1, 1832 and died April 24, 1858. Married to Silas A. Peters Oct. 10, 1850 and three children born to them, two dying in infancy; the other named Josephine who grew to womanhood. No further record.

ELIZA SCOTHORN, daughter of Joseph and Hannah, was born June 20, 1834, and died unmarried at age of 19 years, on Dec. 10, 1853.

FRANCIS A. SCOTHORN, the son of Joseph and Hannah, his wife, was born March 7, 1837. Date of death not recorded but died near Ft. Scott, Kansas where he moved in early day and some of the children were born and raised. His previous residence had been in Jackson Co., Mo. Was married to Josephine Kennard, the daughter of Isaac and Martha Kennard, and born in Shelby Co., Ohio, on Jan. 11, 1839. A Rev. Nathan Gardner performed the ceremony. To them were born eleven children as follows: Edward, Joseph G., Harry J., Martha E., Ellnora M., Anna F., Frank M., Rose E., Clarence B., Thomas B. and Dewitt C. Record of each follows.

(1) EDWARD ELLSWORTH SCOTHORN, the oldest child of Francis Asbury Scothorn and Josephine (Kennard) his wife, was born April 30, 1863, in Pickaway Co., Ohio. Died Nov. 15, 1870 in Ft. Osage Township, Jackson Co. Mo., aged 7 years.

(2) JOSEPH GRANT SCOTHORN, second child of Francis A. Scothorn and wife Josephine, was born Nov. 1, 1864 in Pickaway Co., Ohio, and died April 11, 1870 in Ft. Osage Township, Jackson Co., Mo.

(3) HARRC JEPTHA SCOTHORN, the third child of Francis and wife, born July 26, 1868 in Pickaway Co., Ohio; died Nov. 3, 1871 in Ft. Osage Twp. Mo.

(4) MARTHA ELIDA (SCOTHORN) PICKERING, the fourh child of Francis and wife, born Nov. 29, 1867 in Pickaway Co., Ohio; married to John Carley Pickering on Dec. 25, 1890 in Paola, Kansas by the Rev. Schnakey. To them were born three children as follows. (a) Ben Carley Pickering born at Paola, Kans., Dec. 16, 1893; (b) Edith Allene Pickering, born at Paola, Kansas, Aug. 16 1895; (c) Josephine Elizabeth Pickering born at Paola, Kansas July 30, 1898. The husband, J. C. Pickering, was born April 17, 1865 in Wales, England.

(5) ELLNORA MISSOURI (SCOTHORN), the fifth child of Francis and wife was born March 7, 1869 in Ft. Osage Township, Jackson Co., Mo., where the parents had recently removed to from Pickaway county, Ohio. This child died in infancy, Sept. 27, 1869

(6) ANNA FLORENCE (SCOTHORN) WERST, the sixth child of Francis and wife, born Nov. 15, 1870, in Ft. Osage Township, Mo. Married to Charles W. Werst on April 21, 1896, in Ossawattomie, Kans., by Rev. Roberts. Record of one child given, of these parents, named Dorothea Elizabeth, born at Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 30, 1899. Philadelphia is the present address of family.

(7) FRANK MONROE SCOTHORN, the seventh child of Francis and wife, born Jan. 25, 1873 in Jackson county, Mo. No more record given.

(8) ROSE ELIZABETH (SCOTHORN) BRADBURY the eighth child of Francis and wife, born Nov. 26, 1874 in Jackson Co., Mo. Married to Leonard T. Bradbury Jan. 18, 1899 in Paola, Kansas, by the Rev. Leland. No more record given, only address, Tucson, Arizona.

(9) CLARENCE BURKE SCOTHORN, the ninth child of Francis and wife, born May 2, 1877 at Sibley, Mo. Was married to Susan Earle Taylor of Paola Kansas on Sept. 19, 1906.. Two children born to them, named Harriette Josephine Scothorn born Oct. 29, 1907 and Richard Taylor Scothorn, born Feb. 1, 1917; both children born at Paola, Konsas. Address of family is Warrensburg, Mo.

(The writer is personally acquainted with Mr. C. B. Scothorn).

(10 THOMAS BELMONT SCOTHORNN, the tenth child of Francis A. and wife, born Feb. 25, 1879 at Sibley, Mo. No further record only his death.

(11) DEWITT CLINTON SCOTHORN the eleventh and last child of Francis and wife born Nov. 25, 1883 at Paola, Kansas. No further record, only address given as Chadron, Nebraska.

(10) THORNTON DECKER SCOTHORN, the tenth and last child of Joseph Scothorn and wife Hannah, born June 7, 1839. No further record.

This ends the record of Joseph Scothorn. It is recorded that Joseph and his wife were buried near the oldhomestead in Walnut Township, Pickaway Co. Ohio.

RECORD OF DELILAH (SCOTHORN) ANDERSON-BOLENBAUGH

As stated the third child of Lewis Scothorn and his wife, a Miss Bell, was Delilah, born on the old homestead, in Greenbrier Co., West Va., but now the place is in Monroe Co. West Va. since the division of Greenbrier county many years ago. Delilah was born May 14, 1798. (Note—This record was omitted entirely from the 1865-1905 Scothorn book. She was a baby when, according to the best records obtainable, her mother died and she was raised by her stepmother, the second wife of Lewis Scothorn, a Miss Tallman. Here is where so many have been confused, asserting that the mother, Delilah, was this Miss Tallman, because she never knew any other.

The next event we have in the record of our Delilah is her marriage to Thomas Anderson, in Fairfield county, Ohio as per the official records in the office of marriage records in Lancaster county, Ohio, the same reading as follows. "I do hereby certify that on the 29th day of Feb 1819, I solemnized the marriage of Thomas Anderson and 'Dilly' Scothorn. Signed by Jacob Rush, J. P." (Note the nickname "Dilly," was always used for Delilah. H. E.)

Here on a farm that Thomas Anderson had entered from the government this married couple settled to make a home. By way of official records, again

I wish to quote concerning this Thomas Anderson farm. The records of the land office at Columbus, Ohio, of which I have a copy, state that Thomas Anderson entered the S. E. ¼ of Sec. 21, Township 15, Range 18. Dated Aug. 7 1810.

(Note this was nine years before his marriage.)

To Thomas and Delilah (Scothorn) Anderson were born seven children as follows, Mary Ann Anderson, (Eiler) Minerva Ann Anderson, (Warren) Elizabeth Ann Anderson (Dum), Thomas Tallman Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Asa Trone Anderson, and William John Anderson. A detailed record of each of these is found in the Anderson Chapter.

To some folks, it seems, trouble and disappointments come thick and fast, and OUR Delilah must htave thought she had a plenty. Left motherless as a baby, and fatherless at age eighteen, and a widow at 38, and a widow a second time at less than 50 with a home all broken up and the children scattered, being compelled to find a home with a married daughter, Minerva Warren, in Tower Hill, Ill., where she died Oct. 22, 1860, and is buried near by in the Eiler grave yard, at rest from any more of world's trials and disappointments.

I am pleased to honor her memory as my Great-grandmother, by placing a picture of her grave in this record to be preserved for posterity..

,(This ends the record of Lewis Scothorn and first wife.)

RECORD OF LEWIS SCOTHORN AND SECOND WIFE

As stated previously, our Lewis Scothorn was married a second time, to a Miss Tallman, and it is really in doubt yet if this occurred in Greenbrier county, or Pickaway county. (I am still searching for official records.)

To them were born six sons and two daughters, whose records follow: The names of these children are: Eliza, Sarah, John, Lewis Jr., Charles, George, William and Samuel.

(1) ELIZA (SCOTHORN) SWISHER, the first child of Lewis and second wife, born-?, married a Mr. Swisher. She died soon after marriage and left no family.

(2) SARAH (SCOTHORN) TRONE, the second child of Lewis and wife, born--? married Asa Trone and they were the parents of three children as follows: (a) William, (b) Catharine, who married Harvey Long; (c) Eliza who married a Mr. Whitehead.

(3) JOHN SCOTHORN, the third child of Lewis by second marriage, born —?, married a Miss Glick, settling in Hancock county, Ohio, several children born to them, some dying in infancy. Later he removed to Ft. Scott, Kansas, and died there, and some descendents still live in that section.

(4) LEWIS SCOTHORN, Jr., the fourth son of Lewis and second wife, born ——? Married Susannah Westenhaver. The husband-father died near Ashville, Ohio, in 1893. To these parents were born eight children, as follows. Three of these died in infancy. Two of the children were twins; balance, George, Rebecca, Sophrana, Frances and Harry.

(1) GEORGE W. SCOTHORN was born Jan. 21, 1843, near Asheville, Ohio. Died in 1920 near Winfield, Kansas, where he had resided since 1883. Was married to Hattie Pontius in 1870. The wife now (1929) lives in Winfield, Kansas. To them were born two sons, as follows: (a) William Adelbert, born June 17, 1872. Was married to Sophia V. French on Aug. 8, 1894. To them were born

three children, as follows: (aa) Carl William, born May 31, 1896, in Winfield, Kansas. Unmarried and lives in St. Joseph, Mo. (bb) Florence Belle Scothorn, born Oct. 25, 1898, in Arkansas City, Kan. Married to Capt. James H. Hagan, U. S. A., and to them were born two daughters, Mary Jeanne in 1922, and Florence Belle in 1924. (cc) Mary Louise Scothorn, the last child of William A. and wife, born Aug. 28, 1904, in Winfield, Kan. Unmarried and lives with parents in Junction City, Kansas.

William Adelbert Scothorn and wife now (1929) live in Junction City, Kan. He is generally known as "Dell," and furnished this record for Lewis Scothorn, his grandfather.

(b) Stanley Lewis Scothorn, the second child of G. W. Scothorn and wife, Hattie, was born in 1875. Is married and lives in Houston, Texas, as manager for the Western Union Tel. Co.

(2) REBECCA (SCOTHORN) HOTT, the daughter of Lewis and wife Susannah. Married to John H. Hott and four children born to them.

(3) SOPHRONIA SCOTHORN) PLAZIER, the daughter of Lewis and wife Susannah, born———. Married to Frederick Plazier and lived for awhile in Pickaway Co., Ohio but later moved to London, Ohio, where they raised a family.

(4) FRANCES (SCOTHORN) NAGLE (known as Frankie), daughter of Lewis and wife Susannah, was born ———. Married Isaac Nagle, and had one daughter who married a Mr. Edward Weiser.

(5) W. HARRY SCOTHORN, a son of Lewis and wife Susannah, born in 1848. Married Fannie Moyer and two sons and two daughters born to them. The husband-father, Harry, died April 28, 1928, and the wife, Fannie, died on June 4, 1923, near their old home in Ohio. Record of children as follows:

(a) Calvin, no record at present. (b) Samuel, a doctor who lives in Dallas, Texas. (c) Cora (Scothorn) Brodbeck, married a Mr. Brodbeck and now (1929) lives in Columbus, Ohio, 735 Fairwood Ave. (d) Florence (Scothorn) Cromley, married a Mr. Cromley and now (1929) lives in Asheville, Ohio.

End of record of Lewis, Jr., and wife, Susannah.

(5-6) Charles and George, sons of Lewis and second wife, removed early in life to northern Ohio.

(7) WILLIAM SCOTHORN, the seventh child of Lewis, Sr., and wife (Miss Tallman) was married in Hancock Co., Ohio, where his wife died early in their married life, leaving a daughter, who was married to a Mr. Clark in Circleville, Ohio. William spent several years in Washington and Oregon, but latter in life returned to Pickaway County, where he died.

(8) SAMUEL SCOTHORN, the last child of Lewis, Sr., and his second wife, was married three times. First marriage were six children. Second marriage two children. Third marriage two children. Later in life he removed to Hastings, Mich., where he died in 1861.

This ends the record of Lewis Scothorn by his second marriage.

I have tried to give an absolutely authentic record of this Scothorn family, and hope some day to add considerably to it, as I am still searching for more records. I beg every one who record family history to get at official records and positive proofs, and be careful of traditions carried down in ALL families that are generally considered by all genealogists as very unreliable.

Respectfully,

Topeka, Kansas, 1929. HOMER EILER.

RECORD OF CONRAD ILER, OF MARYLAND

Here we are recording the record of Conrad Iler (Eyler, Eiler) who by some traditions, and other evidences, such as familiarity of names, and the same place of residence in Maryland bear out the assertion that he was a brother of our Jacob Iler,

(I might here insert that I am inclined to believe that this Conrad might be a Conrad Junior, the Conrad Senior being the brother of our Jacob, because of the difference in ages.)

I am aware of the fact that my own uncle Wiliaim Eiler of Tower Hill, Ill, for years before his death in 1915, carried on a correspondence with George Washington Iler of Garnett, Kansas, and was very favorably impressed with the fact that this Conrad spoken of above was a brother to our Jacob or very closely related. This George W. Iler is a son of the Conrad Iler whom we are writing about.

Unfortunately, I have not had the time to devote to a deep investigation and cannot say positively that the Conrad and Jacob families are related, as set forth. In fact, some items confuse me, especially because of the difference in ages, which makes me suggest that, it must be the Conrad, Sr., whom we could more probably assert was a brother to our Jacob, then I am again confused because in this Conrad, family, there seems to be three ways among themselves of spelling their name —as Iler, Eyler, and Eiler.

I am aware of the fact that in our own family, we have two ways of spelling our name: Iler and Eiler, but it is cleared up in a satisfactory way.

Our own Jacob Iler had three boys and one girl, and they all spelled their names as their father Jacob Iler, except our Conrad, the son of Jacob, and we know how that occurred. Conrad's mother died when he was four years of age, and he was placed among strangers later in life, and the school teacher taught him to prefix the letter "E" before his name. (This Conrad is my grandfather.)

From records and traditions so far obtained from among the descendents of this Conrad Iler, of Maryland, I find that he was born in Germany. He came to America when very young and settled in Frederick County, Md., which was later divided, and his home was in the new part known as Carroll County, close to a place know as Woodsboro.

Here, it seems, he was married to a Miss Anna, or Maria Kemp, as the two names appear among the records. Lived here all his life, raised his familiy of ten children there, and died there in the 50's and was buried on his own place, as was generally the custom in pioneer days.

Unfortunately his descendents have been unable to definitely locate his grave. Mrs. Agnes DeWolfe of Garnett, Kansas (a grandchild) says it is located on the old homestead near Woodsboro; others give it as near Ladiesburg.

Mrs. Alice Whitmore, another grandchild, now alive (1929), of Westminster, Maryland, says that Conrad lived all his life about three miles from Woodsboro, and is buried on the old farm. She also says that Conrad never spoke anything but the German language in the home, so her mother had told her.

I have made an extra effort to learn more of the early life of Conrad, but, like most all families, this interesting part of our pioneers has been lost through carelessness and lack of interest in ancestry.

No doubt, if interest could be infused into some of the many descendents now residing in Marryland, many official facts, such as marriage dates, dates of death, records of estate settlements, transfers of land, tax deeds, could be easily obtained, but I failed to arouse much interest in that line.

So I am placing this record here, in the hope that in the future, some more able family historian, using this as a nucleus, will be able to gather a more definite record, which to my mind can be easily obtained.

We have been accorded the pleasure of copying from the ORIGINAL sheet of Conrad Iler's Bible the names of his ten children. This sheet is in the possession of Mrs. Annette (Whitmore) Smith of Westminster, Md. Names are: (1) Elizabeth; (2) Sarah; (3) Catherine; (4) Adaline (5) George Washington; (6) Jacob (7) Mary Ellen; (8) Samuel; (9) John Christian, 10) Sarepta.

From only one descendent, Mrs. Alice Lowe of Topeka, Kansas, was I able to obtain anything like an approximate date of the death of Conrad and his wife.

Mrs. Lowe says her mother, Sarepta, the youngest child of Conrad, has told her many times that Conrad died in 1850, and that the wife died in 1857.

I will now proceed to give the record as furnished me, of each of these ten children of Conrad and Maria, or Anna (Kemp) Iler:

(1) ELIZABETH (ILER) STRINE, the oldest child of Conrad and wife, was born Nov. 28, 1820, near Woodsboro, Md. Was married to Mr..... Strine, and this was all the record obtainable.

(2) SARAH (ILER) MILLER, the second child, born April 14, 1823. Married to Thomas Miller in 1842 in Frederick County, Md. Here they lived for many years, later in life moving to West Hanover, Pa., where the wife died in 1899, survived by her husband and six children. The exact number of children was not obtainable, but these are the names, living at the time of her death:

This was taken from a newspaper clipping published at that time.

George Miller, Thomas Miller, Dora Miller, Mrs. Amos Weisensale, all of West Hanover, Pa., Frederick Miller of Johnsonville, Md., Charles Miller of McSherrytown, Md. George Miller now (1928) still lives at West Hanover, Pa.

(3) CATHARINE (ILER) STITELY-DAVIDSON, the third child, born May 14, 1825. Married twice, first to George Stitely on Dec. 7, 1848, in Taneytown, Md. The husband died in 1864. The widow married a Mr. Davidson. No family by the last marriage. Catharine died in 1908. The family of Catharine and her husband George Stitely, are as follows:

(a) Thomas Stitely, now dead. (b) Annie (Stitely) Weller, now dead. (c) George Washington Stitely, now dead. (d) Ida (Stitely) Hahn, address, Mount Airy, Carroll County, Md. (e) Catharine Cordelia (Stitely) Weller, who was born in 1860, marrier to William Theodore Weller in 1889 at Thurmont, Md., Frederick County. To them one child was born, named Maude Weller, now at Thurmont, Md., which is also the address of the parents.

(4) ADALNE (ILER) STITELY, the fourth child of Conrad Iler and wife, born July 28, 1827. Married to Josiah Quincy Stitely. The wife died Aug. 7, 1918, and the husband in 1907, and both are buried in Westminster, Md. To themwere born ten children.

(a) Albert Calvin Stitely, born Nov. 11, 1850; died Sept. 1, 1898.

(b) Martha Alice (Stitely) Whitmore, born Feb. 9, 1855 (Fuller record below

(c) Frances Marcella (Stitely) Caylor, born Dec. 19, 1856, married to Abr Caylor, now (1929) lives at 3906 Gwynn Oak Ave., Baltimore, Md.

(d) George Marshall Stitely, born April 23, 1858; died Nov. 25, 1928.

(e) Oliver B. Stitely, born 1860, and now living at Peoria, Ill., at 107 Roan Avenue.

(f) Sarah Ellen (Stitely) Gieselman, born 1863; married Charles Geiselm and one daughter born to them, named Maybelle, who is now married to a Leitch in Baltimore. Sarah Ellen died May 9, 1921.

(g) Anna Mary (Stitely) Anders, born 1866, married to William Anders, and three sons recorded born to them, and living in Detroit, Mich. Anna Mary died April 1, 1912

(h and i—twins) Luther Clarence and Charles Eugene Stitely, born Jan. 31, 1870. Luther now (1929) alive in New Windsor, Md. Charles E. died April 6, 1903.

(j) Delia C., given as the tenth child, but no record, so must have died in infancy.

MARTHA ALICE (STITELY) WHITMORE, the fuller record of this, the second child of Adaline (Iler) Stitely, born Feb. 9, 1853. Married to E. D. Whitmore in 1873 in Baltimore, Md. At this date (1929) the wife-mother is alive but very feeble, living in Westminster, Md. To this couple were born five children, as follows:

(a) Ora Viola, born..... Now dead. (b) Anna Adaline (Whitmore) Gelu, born ..... Married to Denton Gelu and two sons born to them, named George and Richard, (c) Annette Alice (Whitmore) Smith, born..... Married to John W. Smith and five daughters born to them: Janet, Caroline, Mary B., Betty, and Joan. Address is Westminster, Md., Rural Route 10. (d) Paul Quincy Whitmore, married and has a family of six children, as follows: Alice, Virginia, John, Mary, and twins Paul and Paulina. Address, Westminster, Md. (e) John David Whitmore, married and has one daughter living, named Ruth. Address, Westminster, Md.

(5) GEORGE WASHINGTON ILER, the fifth child of Conrad and wife, born Jan. 27, 1830, as given on the original page of Conrad Iler's Bible, but, a daughter of G. W. Iler, a Mrs. Agnes DeWolfe at Garnett, Kansas, has it Feb. 28, 1830.

It appears that he came west as a small boy, when about 13 years of age, and settled in Indianapolis, Ind., where he grew to manhood, and was married in 1858, to Rachael Burkett. They at once set out for the great west, locating at Garnett, Kansas, where the following two children were born: Ida May and Mary Agnes.

(1) IDA MAY (ILER) DAVIS, the oldest child of George W. Iler and wife, born Nov. 30, 1860. Married to Robert Davis on May..... 1879, and to them were born four children, as follows: Ethel May, Elizabeth Iler, George, Helen Margnerite. (a) Ethel May (Davis) Crittendon-Matthews, born June, 1880; was married twice. First to Harley Crittenden, and one son to them. Second marriage, to Clarence Matthews, and no family. Address of Ethel May Matthews is Kansas City, Mo., 51003 Charlotte Street.

(b) Elizabeth Iler (Davis) Small, the second child of Ida, born in Oct. 1881. Was married to William Small. No family. Address, Oklahoma City, Okla.

(c) George Davis, died as a child.

(d) Helen Margnerite (Davis) Jones, born in July, 1896. Married C. I Jones, and two children born to them, named Marjory and Richard. Address of family is Kansas City, Mo.

(2) MARY AGNES (ILER) DE WOLF, the second child of G. W. Iler and wife, born Dec. 1, 1862, in Garnett, Kan. Married to George N. DeWolf on Aug. 19, 1889. To them were born eight children, as follows: The husband died in Garnett, Kansas, Nov. 13, 1924, and the widow now (1929) lives in Garnett, Kansas.

Record of the children. Inez Winner, Ruth Iler, Charles Abilene, Grace Iler, Rachael Elizabeth, Henry Franklin, Dorothy May, and Mary Ida

(1) INEZ WINNER (DE WOLF) SIMON, born July 23, 1881; was married to Charles E. Simon on Feb. 21, 1906. To them were born two children, George Ebert and John Franklin. Address of family is Welda, Kansas.

(2) RUTH ILER DE WOLF, born Jan. 14, 1883; died at age of seven years.

(3) CHARLES ABILENE DE WOLF, born Oct. 20, 1889. Married to Jessie Watt and two children born to them, Charles Franklin and William. Address of family is Garnett, Kansas, where Mr. DeWolf is a practicing physician.

(4) GRACE ILER DE WOLF) WRIGHT, born Aug. 29, 1891. Married to Levi Wright on Oct. 25, 1908. To them were born six children, as follows: Virgil DeWolf, Evan Edgar, Harold Bell, Chester Allen, Lee James, and Martha Ruth. Address of family is 1618 Grove Ave., Topeka, Kansas.

(5) RACHEL ELIZABETH (DE WOLF) RASEMAN. Only record furnished was married to Richard Raseman in New York at "Little Church Around the Corner" and two children born to them, Jean DeWolf and Joan DeWolf. Address is Detroit, Mich.

(6) HENRY FRANKLIN DE WOLF, born Sept. 1896. Single and lives in Cleveland, Ohio, Hotel Bolton Square.

(7) DOROTHY MAY (DE WOLF) SPINDLER, born Feb. 26, 1901. Married A. L. Spindler May, 1924. No family. Address, Baltimore, Md., 821 N. Broadway.

(8) MARY IDA (DE WOLF) ANTHONY, born Feb. 24, 1905. Married George Stanley Anthony in Nov. 1928. Address of family, Los Angeles, Calif.

The wife of George W. Iler died June 13, 1865, and he was married the second time to Mary Elizabeth Osborne on March 5, 1867. This wife died in Garnett, Kan. on June 27, 1887. George W. Iler died in Garnett, Kansas, on Nov. 13, 1924. To George W. Iler, and the second wife were born four children.

(1) WILLIAM ALLEN ILER, born Jan. 14, 1868. Married to Margaret Poss Jan. 14, 1901. No family. Address is Garnett, Kansas.

(2) LOUILDA (ILER) DE WOLF, born June 15, 1870. Married Henry Franklin DeWolf Nov. 1, 1889. No family. Address, Lawrence, Kan., 1532 Michigan Ave.

(3) SARAH CATHARINE (ILER) MATTHEWS, born Aug. 16, 1874. Married to Clarence E. Matthews. No family. Sarah, the wife, died Sept. 28, 1916.

(4) BERTHA GAY (ILER) BOLMAN born Nov. 14, 1880. Married to Donald Edgar Bolman. Two children to them (twins) William Edgar and George Iler Bolman. Address of family, Concordia, Kansas.

This ends the record of George Washington Iler.

(6) JACOB ILER, the sixth child of Conrad and wife, was born Aug 7, 1832, and record states died in infancy.

(7) MARY ELLEN (ILER) TOONHORST, the seventh child of Conrad and wife born Jan. 10, 1835. Our only record of Mary Ellen comes from Mrs. Alice Lowe of Topeka, and she says that Mary Ellen came west about the same time that her mother Sarepta did, and settled in Montgomery County, Ill. where she was married to a Mr. Toonhorst, raised a family and died there.

(8) SAMUEL ILER, the eighth child of Conrad and wife, born Feb. 19, 18[illegible], Married to Ann Sophia Bloom on Dec. 8, 1857, in Frederick County Md. Samuel died Oct. 6, 1899. The wife died Jan. 29, 1914, and both are buired in Glenwood Cemetery at Washington, D C. To them were born eleven children. (The record is [illegible] his daughte[illegible] Mrs. Rosa Morgan, and she spells the name EILER, but I am taking the liberty of adhering to the original, because of the original page of Conrad Iler's Bible, that I had the pleasure to examine, and they are spelled ILER.—Homer Eiler.

Here is the record of the eleven children:

(a) Marshall C. Iler, born May 7, 1859; died March 19, 1868. (b) Jacob Edgar Iler, born Nov. 11, 1860; died Feb. 16, 1914. (c) Charles W. Iler, born Jan. 14, 1865; died Feb. 28, 1888. (d) Rosa Vinette (Iler) Morgan, born March 28, 1863. Was married to George Albert Morgan Jan. 2, 1888. To them was born one son, named Edwin Jonah, born July 28, 1889. This son was married June2, 1926 to Cecelia Dubig in Miami, Fla. No family. Address of Mrs. Morgan is Washington, D. C., 424 Fourth Street, N. E.

(e) John G. Iler, born July 12, 1869; died May 6, 1918. (f) Jessie Grant Iler. Born on Sept 30, 1871, and died on Feb. 23, 1921. (g) Gertrude (Iler) Cross, born April 2, 1873; alive. Address, Washington, D. C., 416 Fourth, N. E. (h) Esther Iler, born July 3, 1874, alive at 1245 Market St., Harrisburg, Pa. (i) Harry B. Iler, born April 14, 1876, alive at Rosemont, Pa. (j) Robert M. Iler, born Sept. 1, 1878, died April 21, 1925. (k) Samuel A. Iler, born Sept. 11, 1880; alive.

(9) JOHN CHRISTIAN ILER, the ninth child of Conrad and wife, born May 14, 1843. Married to Lucretia Florentine Ott on Nov. 29, 1864. He died Nov. 1928, and she died in 1909 both buried in Hanover, Pa. to them were born seven children

(Here is another instance where the records furnished by a descendent of this John C. Iler spelled the name EYLER, and certainly is puzzling, and no one seems to be able to offer a solution, but I am again taking the liberty of spelling it as I saw it as Iler on the original leaf of the Bible of Conrad Iler, and feel that it is the proper way.—Homer Eiler.)

To John C. Iler and wife were born 7 children as follows:

(a) Annie Agnes Iler, born March 8, 1865; died July 31, 1867. (b) Eli Marshall Iler, born July 31, 1868; died May 17, 1869. (c) John Oliver Iler, born May 2, 1870, alive at Union Bridge, Md. (d) Oran Josiah Iler, born June 23, 1873; alive at Leetsdale, Pa. (e) Thomas Elmer Iler, born Aug. 3, 1878, alive at 211 East 4th Ave, Altoona, Pa. (f) Rosa Sophia Iler, born Sept. 29, 1882; died Oct. 15, 1918. (g) Lulu Emma C. Iler, born Oct. 8, 1885; married Luther M. Schwartz and two children born to them, a son named Richard Burwell and a daughter named Lena May. Address of Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz, Baltimore, Md. 1608, Franklintown., Road. Ends record of John C. Iler.

(10) SAREPTA ANN FLORENTINE (ILER) EYLER-KELSEY, the tenth and last child of Conrad and wife, born April 18, 1846. All records furnished by descendents, up to this, last one, say all the children of Conrad and wife were born near Woodsboro, Md. and that Conrad never lived anywhere else, but Mrs. Alice Lowe of Topeka, Kansas, who is a daughter of Sarepta, says her understanding is that her mother was born in Baltimore, Md.

The family records say that Sarepta came west with her sister, Mary Ellen, when they were young ladies, and that they located for a short time in Illinois, where, as we stated, Mary Ellen married a Mr. Toonhorst and remained there, while Sarepta, who married a Samuel Eyler, of same name but no relation at all, removed at once to the great West settling in Wabaunsee Co., Kansas.

This marriage seems to have taken place in 1864 or '65. To them two children were born: (a) Charles Eyler, born 1865 and died in Kansas City, 1926.

(b) Alice (Eyler) Lowe, born Oct. 1, 1868 near Wamego, Kansas; married Otto H. Lowe, in 1884, and to them four children were born. (a) Frank Lowe now living in Topeka, Kansas; (b) Alvin Herberry Lowe born 1887, now livin Topeka. (c) Amelia Ann Lowe, born 1889; married to Clyde Galbreath and one child was born, a boy. Married a second time to Floyd Carter, and a girl was born. Their address is Oskaloosa, Kansas. (d) John Lowe now living in Topeka has a family of four children.

Address of Alice (Eyler) Lowe is 313 East Crane St, Topeka, Kansas.

About the time of the birth of the last child, named Alice, to Sarepta, the husband-father disappeared and was never more heard from.

On Nov. 29, 1869, Sarepta was married to Smith Kelsey of Wabaunsee Co., Kansas, and to them were born six children, as follows: (a) William M. Kelsey, born April 1871; married to Freda Boche, and present address is Salina, Kans., 600 N. 11th St. (b) Jerome Kelsey, born May 23, 1873; married to Etta Bruno. He died in 1926. (c) Cora Kelsey, born Oct. 28, 1875; married William Bruno. No family. She died May 2, 1922, and is buried at Wamego, Kan.

(d) George Kelsey, born Dec. 18, 1878. Married to Christine Waterman. Present address, Wamego, Kansas.

(e) Charles Kelsey, born Sept. 2, 1883; married Goldie Beebee. Present address is Kansas City, Kans. 57 S 7th St. (f) Harry R. Kelsey, born Sept. 6, 1886; married to Nettie Cottrell. Present address is Wamego, Kansas.

Smith Kelsey the husband-father died in 1905 or 6. The wife, Sarepta, died July 20, 1920 and both are buried in Winfield, Kansas.

This ends the history of Conrad Iler and wife.

P. S. One of the strong points for myself, that this Conrad Iler was the son of a Conrad Iler is found in the 1790 census of the U. S., where it records a Conrad Iler of Fredrick Co., Md. as married, and wife living and there were five boys, and five girls all at home. No slaves.

HISTORY OF THE WITTEN FAMILY

I am including the history of this Witten family in here, for the benefit of our two grandchildren, namely, Rose Elizabeth and Homer Charles Witten, the children of Eldon and Frances (Eiler) Witten, of Pasadena, Calif.

These records are taken from various sources such as two pamphlets, being histories of the Wittens, one by Rev. Robert Witten written in 1906 at Springfield, Mo., he being a Methodist pioneer preacher. Another written by James W. Witten of Washington D. C. assisted by Homer Witten of Cambridge, Ohio.

Then two other extensive records, one by Pendleton and another by Harmon, both extensive histories of Tazewell Co., Va.

In fact you cannot write the history of this county or even Southwest Virginia without including the history of this Witten family as they were the earliest settlers and very prominent in early pioneer life.

The word Witten is of Teutonic or Germanic origin, and when translated from the old German into the English means "White."

The town of Wittenburg, Germany is named from this old family, and reaches back in unrecorded history.

The Witten family is next found in England during the centuries 400 and 500, but there is no recorded, authentic history of their doings until about 856 when trustworthy records show them residing in Yorkshire England.

After that they are known to have held high offices both civil and religious in Yorkshire. Originally they were of Catholic faith, until the time of Henry the Eighth, King of England, who introduced the Protestant faith into England

The first record we have of the Witten family in America is about 1632 when we find some Witten families recorded as members of Lord Baltimore's colony in Maryland.

For nearly 100 years we have no complete records until the birth of a Thomas in Maryland about 1719, and whom we will call the "First."

Then about 1771 to 1773 we find this same Thomas as migrating to Tazewell county, Va., and he with a few others were the first white settlers in that section of Virginia. This Thomas the first, was married in Maryland about---- to Elizabeth Cecil and to them we have the record of these children. Elizabeth, born 1743: Susanel (odd name) born 1745: Phillip, born 1747: Jeremiah, born 1749: Kizzah born 1751: Thomas, Jr. (will call the Second) born 1753: Ann, born 1755: William, born 1757: James born 1759 and William Hanley, born 1761. (Do not understand two Williams) H. E.

It is rerorded that Thomas settled on the Flinch River and built a stockade for protection from the Indians, and it was known as "Witten's Fort."

Two of these children are recorded very prominently in Virginia history First, James, born Jan. 7, 1759 became a noted Indian fighter, his record being in the Virginia history, also many personal relics of his being now in the Virginia State Historical Society and Museum at Richmond, Va. Special mention being made of his Indian hunting coat and knives.

The other son was Thomas Jr., known as Second Thomas, amd he is the next in line of these grandchildren of ours. This Thomas was born in Maryland Jan. 3, 1753. Thomas the First lived to the age of 75 years, dying in Tazewell Co. Va. 1794. He and his wife are both buried there. Elizabeth, his wife, born in Maryland, 1720.

Thomas the second as we stated was born in Maryland, and was married in Tazewell Co., Va. to Eleanor Cecil. She was born in Maryland May 19, 1755.

He died there in Tazewell Co., Va. on Oct. 6, 1841, and the wife died there on Dec. 19, 1836: both are buried as given by "Harmon's Va. History" in the old graveyard in front of the W. A. Leece residence near Tazewell, Va. (State that we have kodok views of these graves. The Cecil names here are of Royal lines. Elizabeth and Eleanor being descendents of Lord Cecil of England, the one who owned the Maryland land grants from the King of England.

This Thomas, the second, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and a very fine record is recorded of him in the War Department at Washington. Harmon in his Tazewell Co. history says that this Thomas was at the battle of King's Mt. in North Carolina, serving under Lieut. Rees Bowen. Then it is officially recorder that our Thomas was an active Indian fighter during most of the entire time of the Revolutioary War.

We are pleased to give in full here the official record as furnished by Winfield Scott, Commissioner of the Pension Department at Washingtom D. C. March 11, 1926.

Thomas Witten made a claim for a pension on Oct. 15, 1832 while a resident of Tazewell Co., Va., and same is numbered S6407.

"It appears that Thomas Witten was born Jan. 1753 and while residing in Tazewell Co., Va. entered the service of the Revolutionary War, June 5, 1776 as Ensign in Capt. Thomas Mastin's Co., Colonel William Preston's Va. Regiment and served six months in each year, including 1782, guarding the frontiers of Virginia and was in several skirmishes with the Indians.

He was allowed $240 per year on this application. He died in Tazewell Co. Va. on Oct. 6, 1841. He left no widow, but the following children: Samuel C., Elizabeth, William, Rebecca (Witten) Graham, Tabitha (Witten) Davidson, John, Thomas. (This is the next in line known as No. 3 in the lineage of our grandchildren.) also left the children of his son Hiram."

Note that these children are the children as recorded by the War Department living at time of death of Thomas Witten the 2nd, in 1841, while below you will find the full list of the 13 children.

(Beg to state here that Charles Eldon Witten entered the Sons of the American Revolutioary Society, on this war record. His National number is 43513, and all descendents of this Thomas the 2nd, are eligible to the D. A. R. and the S. A. R. (H. E.)

The original petition of Thomas Witten the Rev. soldier. is on file in archives in Washington aud is signed by these relatives who knew of the facts in the case. William Cecil, Nancy Cecil, Joseph Oney, a son-in-law.

The 13 children of Thomas Witten the second, and his wife Eleanor Cecil are as follows: John, Zachariah. Hiram, Samuel, William. James S.. Thomas S. (this is Thomas the third and the next in line of lineage of our grandchildren. Rebecca, Tabitha. Linnie. Elizabeth, Keziah. and Ann.

Thomas the second was the first Representative from Tazewell Co. Va. in the House of Represetatives, serving in 1801-1803.

It is recorded that this Thomas was the first one to plant fruit trees in Tazewell, Co. Va., bringing the grafts from Maryland, these apples were kuown as the "Maryland Apple."

It is recorded that he was an admirer of forest trees and during his last illness, when an old man of 88 years of age. he asked that he be carried to the door,that he might behold the beautful trees before he passed away, especially to gaze upon a spreading oak that grew near his home.

Thomas S. Witten the 3rd in lineage the son of Thomas aud Eleanor (Cecil) Witten was born in Tazewell Co.. Va. on Dec. 14. 1789; died there, April 10 1869. He was born on Plum Creek. Was married to Nancy M. Strother in 1812; she was born in Virginia. Dec. 12, 1793; died in Tazewell Co., Va. July 7 1871.

To them were born 12 children as follows: Julia. Zachariah. (This is the next in lineage of the Witten family, of our grandchildren). Zachariah had a middle name of Strother, after his mother Eleanor. (died youug) Lizzie. (She also died young) Jmaes, Thomas G.. Elizabeth M., Margaret, John H., and twin boys who died in infancy.

A full account of the family record of each of these 12 children is given on page 575 of "Harmon's History of Tazewell Co.. Va."

We have to do only with the direct lines so will treat the next which is Zachariah Strother Witten. He (Zachariah) was born June 9, 1815 near Tazewell, in Tazewell county, Va. (Pleased to state that we have a picture of this old place. which is still standing. It is a two story log house with the usual clap-board roof. In this house Thomas Witten the 3rd lived and nine of the twelve children were born there. and Thomas the 3rd died there.)

Zachariah Witten was married twice. the record as follows. First to Mary Zarilda Tiffany, whom we know as 'Polly'. on May 10th 1838. She was born Dec. 2. 1820 and died there May 19, 1852. Children of this marriage were: (1) Cosby Ameriga born March 6. 1845 and she married Harvey George Peery (see the record of the Peery line in Harmons), (2) Margaret Eliza. born May 9. 1847; married Robert Crockett. and for the record see the Crockett line in Harmons History; (3) Nancy Jane, born Oct. 14. 1849, who married Gratton Crockett. see also the Crockett line. (4) Mary Mariah. born Feb. 3, 1852 and died Dec. 27, 1883. She married John C. St. Clair. (Two children. John and Mary.)

After the death of the first wife, Zachariah Strother Witten was married the second time toJulia Ann Summers on Feb. 12. 1856. in Tazewell County, Va She was born in Roanoke. Va., on May 5. 1832. and died in Manitou. Okla.. on June 7, 1907. and is buried there.

To them were born seven children. as follows: Charles Tiffany Witten. (This is the next in the lineage of our grandchildren, Rose Elizabeth and Homer Charles Witten. the children of our daughter Frances and husband Eldon. and this Charles Tiffany Witten is the father of Charles Eldon Witten. above mentioned).

The balance of the children of Zachariah and wife Julia Ann are: Fannie, Ida, Maxey, Ollie, Pinckney Lee, and Louisa.

Further records state that Zachariah and wife were married in Bluestone in Tazewell County, Va. We find that the wife is buried in Bethel Cemetery at Manitou, Okla. Also that Zachariah, the husband-father, died in Graham, Mason County, West Va. on June 22, 1887, and we have a picture of his grave.

We present here only the record of Charles Tiffany Witten:

CHARLES TIFFANY WITTEN, the oldest child of Zachariah and wife Julia Ann, was born in Tazewell County, Va., on Dec. 6, 1856, and at this date (1929) lives with his family in Bethany, Okla., near Oklahoma City.

When a young man he removed from the place of his birth on the Bluestone river in Tazewell County, Va., to Clay County, Texas, living near Joy, Texas in 1885. Here he lived for a few years, removing back to Virginia, locating near Princeton, West Va. in 1896.

In 1897 he removed back to Clay County, Texas, and in 1902 he removed to Frederick, Okla. In 1910 to Oklahoma City, and in 1920, to Bethany, Okla, their present home.

Charles Tiffany Witten was married in Joy, Clay county, Texas to Elizabeth Kate Stagg on Dec. 28, 1887, and to them were born the following six children:

FRANK STROTHER WITTEN, born Dec. 20, 1888, and died Oct. 18, 1900.

LURA KATHERINE (WITTEN) FITZ, born in Joy, Clay county, Texas, on Nov. 13, 1891. Was married to Rev. Rudolph Guilford Fitz on May 22, 1915. He was born Aug. 26, 1887, in Triumph, Martin County, Minn. For the years 1920 to 1925 Rev. Fitz and wife were missionaries in China, under the auspices of the Church of the Nazarene He filling the position of a Medical Missionary, and she a teacher in the Bible School, being stationed at Tamingfu, China.

To them were born three children, as follows: (a) Elizabeth Finnette, born in Norman, Okla., March 28, 1916. (b) Irma Irene, born Sept. 14, 1918, in Norman, Okla. (c) Vera Maxine, born Jan. 6, 1923, in Tamingfu, China.

The present address of Lura and family is Bethany, Okla.

CHARLES ELDON WITTEN, son of Charles Tiffany and Elizabeth Kate Stagg Witten was born in Bowie, Texas, on Feb. 29, 1896 (Leap year.) Was married to Julia Frances Eiler on May 6, 1917, in Columbus, Kansas, the Rev. Gardner of the Methodist Church officiating (The record of Julia Frances (Eiler) Witten is found in the Eiler record in this book). To this couple were born two children as follows.: (a) Rose Elizabeth Witten, born in East St. Louis, Ill., on July 6, 1919. (b) Homer Charles Witten, born in Topeka, Kansas, on July 10, 1921. The family now (1929) live in Pasadena, Calif., at 503 Alberta St. Charles Eldon Witten holds a responsible position with the Studebaker Auto Agency in Pasadena.

JULIA IRENE (WITTEN) SOLTS was born March 28, 1899. Was married to Carl Merton Solts on June 25, 1929 in Bethany, Okla. They live at Harrah, Okla.

LEOTA WITTEN, born Aug. 4, 1907, dying at birth.

MAXEY WILLIAM WITTEN, the last child of Charles T and wife, was born Aug. 11, 1909, and at present is unmarried and lives with his parents at Bethany, Okla.

This ends the record of the Witten family.

RECORD OF THE STAGG FAMILY

As the wife of Charles Tiffany Witten was Elizabeth Kate Stagg, we are pleased to add this brief record of that family:

ELIZABETH KATE (STAGG) WITTEN the daughter of Henry Frank Stagg and wife, Julia Marietta (Sanders) Stagg, was born in Stewartsville, Mo., on Dec. 26, 1870. The father, Henry Stagg, was born in Kentucky on Feb. 8, 1839, and died in Oklahoma in 1929, aged 90 years. The mother, Julia Stagg, was born in Crab Orchard, Ky., on March 15, 1845, and died Oct. 25, 1899.

The parents of Elizabeth Kate (Stagg) Witten were married April 3, 1866. The grandfather of Mrs. Witten was William Conover Stagg, born in Harrodsburg, Ky., Sept. 13, 1801, and died April 9, 1886. He was married to Sarah Keller on Nov. 25, 1824.

The grandfather of Mrs. Witten on her mother's side was Hiram P. Sanders, born Sept. 22, 1810, in Kentucky, and died Jan. 2, 1892 Mr. Sanders was married to Mary Ellinore Burch Jan. 26, 1841. She was born in Kentucky, Sept. 1, 1821, and died in September, 1870.

Mrs. Witten has two brothers, namely William Sander Stagg, born March 6, 1867, in Stewartsville, Mo. Also Charles Frank Stagg, born March 12, 1876, in Stewartsville, Mo. He died Sept. 13, 1907. Mrs. Witten has an uncle living named C. J. Sanders at Dallas, Texas, 714 Grandview Street. She also has a cousin, Wm. S. Thompson in Memphis, Tenn.

This completes the record of the Witten family. It is our desire that these records will be preserved for unborn generations.

Respectfully,

Topeka, Kansas, 1929. HOMER EILER.

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